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Arafat said trying to forge new 'eastern front'

By JAY BUSHNISKY

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is encouraging the Iranian regime to tighten its links with Syria as the first step towards the formation of a new "eastern front" that eventually would include Iraq, and would be capable of pressuring Israel into accepting Palestinian demands, highly-placed sources said.

The current perception in Jerusalem is that Arafat has been using the goodwill he recently garnered with the Iranian leadership as well as his strong links to Iraq to forge a new regional alliance.

Its initial objective would be to discourage Turkey from extending its campaign against the Kurdish separatist PKK by seizing large parts of northern Iraq while urging the Turks to revoke their military agreement with Israel.

Referring to a senior Iranian minister's visit to Baghdad last month, the Arabic daily *A-Shark al-Awsat*, published in London, said Syria and Iraq had agreed "that Iraq should return to its natural environment."

Arafat's interest in teaming up with Iran, Iraq and Syria is believed to be motivated by his deep disappointment with the pace of the peace process.

Official documents here contrast the PA's former attitude toward Iran, which they describe as having been "strong and aggressive," with the "marked improvement" in its relationship with Tehran since the election of Mohammed Khatami, a relative moderate, as president.

"It is conceivable that Arafat is frustrated by the long crisis in negotiations with Israel," a government document said.



Habad followers at yesterday's Tel Aviv rally, under a large picture of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Lubavitcher Rebbe's yahrzeit marked at Messiah-infused rally

By HERB KEINON

"Moshiah, Moshiah, Moshiah, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye," thundered hassidic singer-superstars Avraham Fried and Mordechai Ben-David.

"Moshiah, Moshiah, Moshiah" sang back some 7,500 at Tel Aviv's Yad Elyahu sports arena last night.

The crowd was encouraged by video footage of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, waving his arms and clapping as if he was in the hall, singing along.

Three years to the day, by the Jewish calendar, after the death of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, his faithful came to celebrate the man that many thought was — and many think will still be revealed as — the Messiah.

spokesman Jay Litvin. "As we continue in our longing for the Messiah today, we can't imagine it being anyone other than the rebbe. We may not know when, how or why, but as you project longing for the Messiah, we believe it will be the rebbe."

The night was Messiah-infused, from the songs expressing longing for the Messiah, to a sign hanging from the arena's speaker system that read, "Here, now, the Messiah is coming."

Outside the hall, one man was selling pens that read, "Long live King Messiah," while another was selling handbags with the slogan, "Together we will prepare for the coming of the Messiah."

Rabbi Yehuda Leib Groner, the rebbe's personal secretary for some 20 years, told the crowd: "The rebbe is with us now. He is looking at each and every one of us."

Although Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu attended a similar gathering last year to thank Habad for their help in the election, this year he sent cabinet secretary Danny Naveh in his stead.

Naveh's announcement that he had a greeting from "our prime minister" was met with a mixture of boos and cheers. By contrast, Moleket MK Benny Elon was greeted by a warm round of applause when he was introduced.

Among the other public personalities in attendance were Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, and Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush.

A special section on the podium was reserved for representatives of the settlement in Hebron, underscoring the close connection between Habad and the community there.

Ne'eman named finance minister

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is to present his new cabinet appointments to the Knesset at 4 p.m. today, including the surprise choice, announced yesterday, of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman as finance minister.

At 11 last night, cabinet secretary Danny Naveh submitted to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon two signed agreements under which coalition chairman Michael Eitan will be appointed science minister and MK Silvan Shalom deputy defense minister. Shalom is to replace Eitan after a year.

Shalom will also be the liaison between the government and the Knesset, Israel Radio reported, and will be able to sit in on all cabinet meetings, although he will not be allowed to vote.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who was named finance minister-designate 10 days ago, was passed over in the cabinet reshuffle. He refused to give interviews yesterday after briefly commending Ne'eman's appointment.

Also left out of the cabinet, apparently, is Likud MK Shaul Amor, who had also been promised a portfolio by Netanyahu.

Ne'eman's decision to put Ne'eman in the Treasury rather than Sharon was finalized at a meeting late Sunday night with Ne'eman and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, with Foreign Minister David Levy participating by phone from Beit She'an.



Ya'acov Ne'eman

wanted to present the new cabinet appointments to the Knesset yesterday afternoon, after finally resolving the crisis with Levy and bypassing what Likud sources called "the Sharon land mine."

But a new problem surfaced when it appeared both Eitan and Shalom claimed the science portfolio, which MK Ze'ev Begin had given up six months ago.

On Sunday night, after Ne'eman's appointment was settled, Eitan had given the Prime Minister's Office the impression he would consider taking the post of deputy finance minister — from which MK David Magen of Geshet resigned a few months ago.

Ne'eman's appointment, reportedly urging Netanyahu to strengthen Levy and Mordechai for the sake of the peace process.

A key role in convincing Ne'eman to return to the cabinet was also played by Mordechai Levy and Mordechai both objected to Sharon's joining the inner security cabinet and wanted Ne'eman to take the Treasury to block Sharon's path to this major ministry.

government move forward, but we both have to compromise." Asked whether he would agree to serve as science minister by rotation, Amor replied: "Would you agree to eat half a portion of cous-cous?"

Likud sources said that, after helping Netanyahu keep his coalition intact for 10 days and believing the Treasury was his, Sharon now finds himself pushed aside, in addition to not being made a member of the inner security cabinet, as he had demanded.

However, Channel 1 last night reported that Sharon knew of the plans to appoint Ne'eman finance minister and even encouraged him to take the post.

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COMMENT

Terms of endearment

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday surprised numerous pundits, politicians and the entire business community, by leaving the Treasury out of Ariel Sharon's reach.

Indeed, while this move may initially appear economically preferred, it may ultimately prove to be politically explosive.

Levy wins significant concessions from PM

Foreign Minister David Levy won a signal political victory yesterday by formally redefining his role within the cabinet, as well as the division of governmental authority, precisely along the lines he had demanded from the outset of his showdown with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

It stipulated that foreign policy and security concerns will be the cabinet's exclusive province and no other forum will be set up in its place. The immediate upshot of this will be the dissolution of Netanyahu's "Eitcheh cabinet," in which Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai were consulted on crucial issues and to which National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon was to have been coopted had he become finance minister.

Levy opposed Sharon's presence in this elite forum, according to Army Radio.

The Netanyahu-Levy agreement, on the basis of which the foreign minister will remain in his post, also states that: the foreign minister will be responsible to the prime minister in the conduct of foreign affairs; the foreign minister will be responsible for foreign policy and will supervise negotiations with the Palestinians, while advancing the peace process; the foreign minister will coordinate his fellow ministers' contacts

Foreign Ministry team to fight Har Homa resolution at UN

By JAY BUSHNISKY

For lack of a duly appointed ambassador to the United Nations, the Foreign Ministry is sending a senior diplomatic team headed by deputy director-general Yitzhak Leor to the world organization's New York headquarters for the impending General Assembly debate on the

Har Homa construction project. Israel's envoy-designate, Dore Gold, has not yet won the requisite cabinet approval because his nomination was not submitted by Foreign Minister David Levy for its consideration to date.

Influential government circles assailed this delay, contending that it deprived the Israeli delegation of leadership and direction at a critical juncture when the PLO and the Arab states are expected to mount a powerful assault against Israel's settlement policy.

A well-informed source contended that Levy has been preoccupied by his prolonged tiff with the prime minister.

Israeli envoy arranges baptism by pope

By LISA PALMERI-BILLIG

ROME — Ziki Farhud, an Israeli-Arab Catholic baby from Shfaram near Nazareth, was baptized by Pope John Paul II himself in his private chapel at 7:30 a.m. yesterday.

The couple, who are first cousins, are both carriers of this disease and doctors told them they had a 25 percent chance of bearing a third child with the disease.

Before conceiving Ziki, they visited St. Peter's in Rome and vowed that if they could give birth to a healthy child, they would have him baptized by the pope.



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NEWS

in brief

Racism added to pig-flyer charges

The Jerusalem district attorney yesterday added racism to the charges facing Tatiana Susskind, accused of posting leaflets in Hebron that inflamed Arab anger by depicting Mohammed as a pig. She had already been charged with offending religious sensitivities, supporting a terror group by wearing a Kach movement T-shirt when she put up the leaflets, and endangering life on the roads, for throwing a stone at an Arab car.

Prosecutors have asked the Jerusalem District Court to order Susskind to remain in custody until the end of her trial. A hearing on the request is scheduled for tomorrow. *Itim*

Arbel dismisses Lieberman's statement

Responding to news stories that Avigdor Lieberman, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, had said he would refuse to be questioned any more regarding the Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner) case, State Attorney Edna Arbel said yesterday there is no reason for her to intervene at this stage.

"I have not seen that anyone has been summoned to an investigation and not turned up," she said. "The minute we reach that point, we can talk. I need not react to every statement made in a moment of anger and sorrow." *Liat Collins*

Sara Netanyahu's ex-husband to tell all

Doron Neuberger, first husband of Sara Netanyahu, has reportedly decided to publish a kiss-and-tell book about his marriage after all. "I think she can do very manipulative things," he said on Channel 2 last night, adding he believes she is dangerous to the public.

Neuberger, 37, said he dropped plans for the book after intense lobbying against it last year, but changed his mind because he was enraged by her accusations he had recorded her in secret.

Neuberger says he made five tapes with his ex-wife's knowledge as part of efforts to revive their marriage, which the TV said was failing after he discovered she had an affair. *AP*

Police accused of racism after killing Ethiopian

Hundreds of Ethiopian immigrants protested at the police headquarters in the Negev yesterday afternoon, accusing police of racism for shooting an Ethiopian immigrant to death.

Tafra Behata, 23, of Beersheba, was shot to death early yesterday morning in unclear circumstances. The incident is being investigated. *Itim*

Two killed in collisions

A man was killed and two others were injured when two cars collided near Mt. Tabor yesterday afternoon. The injured were taken to Ha'emek Hospital in Afula. The victims' identities were not immediately released. Police are investigating the collision.

A 24-year-old motorcyclist died shortly after being hit by a car in Kfar Sava last night. *Itim*

Woman quits IAF course after harassment

A woman training to be the air force's first female air traffic controller has left the military complaining of sexual harassment, the IDF said yesterday.

"I've lost all faith in the system," Israel Radio quoted her as saying. It said the man in the course burned her notebook after she got higher marks than they did and told her girls can't be smarter than boys.

Three soldiers will face courts-martial and a fourth has been booted out of the training program, the IDF Spokesman said.

The woman student, a lieutenant, said her male classmates intentionally bumped into her during physical training, laughing when she fell. *Reuters*

Weizman heartened after meeting Netanyahu

President Ezer Weizman said last night at an Israel Prize for Defense ceremony that he has been heartened by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's willingness to negotiate with the Palestinians and to offer them realistic solutions.

He recalled a meeting with Netanyahu yesterday, saying, "the minute that I heard the prime minister talk about the Allon Plan, I realized that he understood that he wouldn't get 100 percent [of the West Bank]. I think there are sparks of hope that we are getting closer [to a settlement with the Palestinians]. We are not dealing here with love. We are dealing with self-interest. I think we are coming to the point where the Palestinians and Syria will realize this." *Steve Rodan*

Two Shuafat cousins drown

Cousins Karim Mustafa, 20, and Nihad Dowek, 22, drowned off Tel Aviv's Frishman Beach on Sunday night. The two Shuafat residents did not know how to swim, but went to the shore with another relative late Sunday afternoon and paddled in the shallow water.

Later, however, the two apparently decided to go into deeper water and were swept away. They were noticed waving for help by a child on the beach, and police organized a massive search, assisted by an IDF helicopter and searchlights. The search was called off at 11 p.m. and yesterday morning the two bodies were found washed up on shore. *Raine Marcus*

Indyk helps inaugurate new promenade

The American flag whipped over the Judean Hills yesterday as US Ambassador Martin Indyk helped inaugurate a new park and promenade in Teiz Stone near Jerusalem. Indyk said the project, partly funded by US Jews, is a symbol of the two countries' special relationship.

"Throughout [Israel's] history, the government and the people of the United States have served as its unwavering supporters," Indyk said at the inauguration. "This is not just a formal policy of a single administration but the sustained commitment of an entire nation." *AP*

Thousands attend security fair

Scores of Israeli companies specializing in the manufacture, import and export of military, police and civilian security equipment exhibited their wares at the annual Security fair at the Tel Aviv's Exhibition Grounds last week.

This year around 10,000 visitors attended the three day-exhibition, approximately 10% from abroad.

One of the few foreign companies participating was a British/American firm specializing in the organization of security exhibitions and bomb disposal know-how. The company has asked Israel Police to help in removing mines from around a Jewish cemetery in Bosnia. *Raine Marcus*

No-confidence motions fail

By LIAT COLLINS

There were no surprises yesterday when no-confidence motions by Labor, Meretz, and Hadash were defeated 39 to 48 after a relatively quiet debate.

The votes on the motions were delayed by a few hours to allow MKs to participate in the funeral of Maj. Nadav Milo, who was killed in Lebanon on Sunday.

Labor leader Ehud Barak dedicated much of his speech to the coalition crisis in the government. Referring to the recent talk by Shas spiritual mentor Ovadia Yosef, who used the image of the leader of the nation as a sightless goat, Barak said: "The people demands you take the blind goat

of the kitchen."

He also said that senior Likud MKs and former MKs had criticized the premier.

"You have taken us from crisis to crisis," Barak said.

Recognizing that the no-confidence motions were unlikely to pass he added, "Even if you are saved again by the skin of your teeth, we know the people are tired of the embarrassments and fears which have become our lot since this government came into power."

He said Netanyahu had increased the differences and gaps in society instead of narrowing them. He also mentioned the growing diplomatic isolation of Israel and threats from Iran

and Syria, and of an armed intifada.

Barak called on coalition MKs to help change the government "for the sake of the people."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid attacked the prime minister saying: "NASA is wrong in saying there is no life on Mars; Netanyahu lives on Mars."

He also used the goat image, saying: "It's possible a goat stands at the head of the government - blind or sighted - but the public is not a herd and is not blind."

He said the new ministerial appointments "show that the prime minister can fool all the ministers all the time" and warned of a possible religious war with the Arabs.

The motion by Hadash, presented by MK Tamar Gozansky, focussed on social issues including "the collapse of the health system, the strike by the psychologists, and the housing shortage," as well as the "threat of war."

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, answering for the government, said the Arab leaders are getting used to a new reality that the Netanyahu government would stand firm on Israel's interests and would not give in "as the Labor government" had.

"They [Rabin and Peres] gave, and they [the Palestinians] took," said Hanegbi.

He said this had been perceived as a sign of weakness and said

the Palestinians had violated the main commitments they had agreed to in the Oslo Accords. Hanegbi also asked, rhetorically, "What sanctions did the Labor government take when buses blew up, when soldiers were kidnapped, and blood flowed? The situation got so bad you had to force world leaders to leave their capitals and come to Sharm el-Sheikh for a conference on terror ... to come to your defense."

He said the opposition has the legitimate right to protest perceived social discrimination, but accused the Labor government of ignoring the development towns while investing huge sums in those sectors close to it such as the Histadrut and kibbutzim.

Settlers applaud Ne'eman appointment

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Settler leaders applauded the decision to appoint Ya'acov Ne'eman as finance minister yesterday, declaring an injustice had finally been corrected.

Yecheiel Leiter, spokesman of the foreign desk of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, declared that after all the trials and tribulations Ne'eman had gone through, council members had every reason to applaud the appointment.

"Ya'acov Ne'eman is committed to the ... territorial integrity of the Land of Israel," Leiter said.

He added that the council is happy that it hasn't lost from the government Ariel Sharon, who will remain national infrastructure minister.

Meanwhile, former Channel 1 producer Adir Zik, affiliated with Arutz 7 and considered a close personal friend of Ne'eman, praised the appointment.

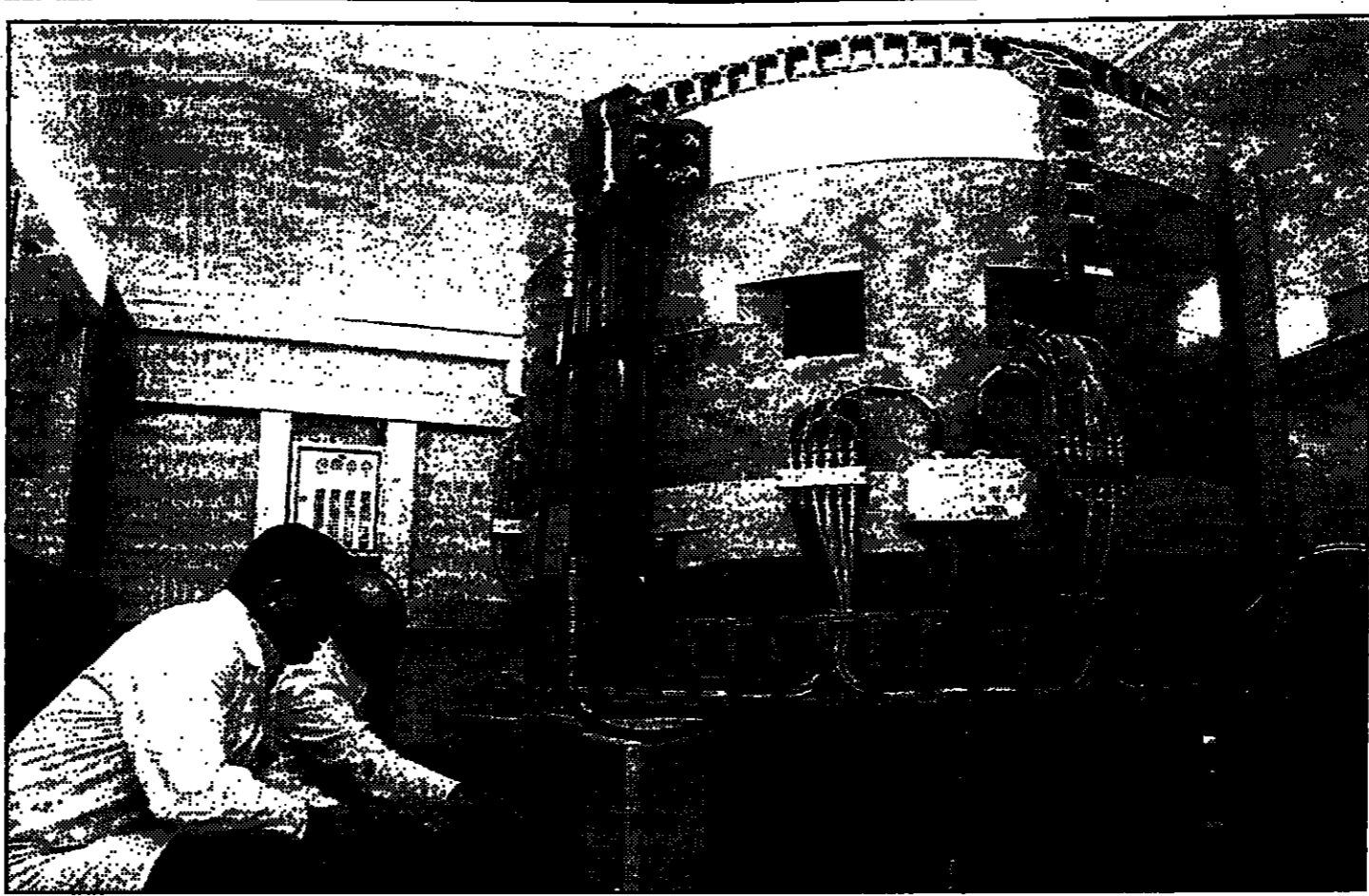
In a radio interview yesterday, Zik called Ne'eman a self-made man.

"He never received any inheritance, he arrived where he is today because he is hardworking and extremely talented," Zik said.

He said that Ne'eman is considered a financial expert of international acclaim, particularly in legal aspects.

Zik added that Ne'eman would continue to be a firm believer in the Land of Israel.

NRP MK Nissan Slomiansky told Channel 1 yesterday after the announcement of the appointment that "finally the prime minister has restored confidence to the government."



Prof. Roland Chisin and Dr. Eyal Mishani make adjustments yesterday on the country's first medical cyclotron, installed at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem. (Avi Hayoun)

Capital gets country's first medical cyclotron

By JUDY SEGEL

The country's first medical cyclotron - a \$2 million barrel-shaped particle accelerator that would fit into a medium-sized bedroom - has been installed at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem. There are only 100 cyclotrons like it in medical centers around the world - 20 of them in the US.

The device uses electromagnets to change atoms of oxygen or nitrogen and molecules of glucose into short-lived isotopes; these are injected into the patient,

attaching themselves to fats, amino acids, sugars, oxygen, or water in the body, and emit radiation picked up by the hospital's two-year-old PET (positron emission tomography) scanner.

With a short half-life, the isotopes decay harmlessly after the scan, allowing additional scans to be performed on the same patient over and over without any harm from radiation.

"This is a momentous day for us," declared Hadassah Medical Organization director-general Prof. Shmuel Pencbas. Longer-lasting isotopes have

until now been flown in from abroad or produced in the Nabal Sorek Medical Research Center, but since some, such as oxygen, are potent for only a few minutes, they have to be produced adjacent to the PET.

Prof. Roland Chisin, Dr. Eyal Mishani, and others in the medical biophysics and nuclear medicine department explained that the cyclotron was installed underground, linked to the PET by a pneumatic tube that whooshes the isotope to the scanner.

It is now being "run in" mostly doing research on neurological

and cardiological functioning, but it has potential for the treatment of cancers: the PET can differentiate between scar tissue and cancerous cells by monitoring glucose consumption and blood flow and identify secondary cancers that have split off from a primary one. It can also determine whether a patient's spinal cord is functioning normally without waking him up during surgery.

Hadassah will sell glucose isotopes to other hospitals, and patients who need the sophisticated PET scanner are eventually to be referred to Hadassah.

HOMA

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The source said Levy preferred to present all of his ministerial appointments committee's nominees as a single "take-it-or-leave-it" package.

This would pose a difficult dilemma to the cabinet to the extent that all of the diplomatic nominees, including the controversial choice of Herzl Inbar as envoy to Moscow, would have to be endorsed to avoid prolonging the absence of an ambassador to the UN.

However, the Yisrael Ba'aliya Party, headed by Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, vehemently opposes Inbar's candidacy. The party views the incumbent ambassador to the Ukraine, Zvi Magen, as a more suitable Israeli emissary to the Kremlin.

The UN post has been unoccupied for the past 15 months. A senior official said that lack of an ambassador to the UN has

hampered the preparation of position papers and other material needed to make an effective case for Israel. It also limits the level of diplomatic contact inasmuch as the various delegation chiefs cannot be approached by an Israeli of equal professional rank.

Itim described the special General Assembly which is scheduled to convene next week as a forum for emergency deliberations initiated by the PLO's representative to the world body.

It quotes Foreign Ministry sources as expressing fear that the debate will have a strong "anti-Israel" flavor which could culminate in the imposition of sanctions against Israel.

Leor and his colleagues will lobby in the UN headquarters corridors for a softening of the prospective resolution on Har Homa in particular and settlements beyond the 1949 armistice line in general. Their mission is to reinforce the existing Israeli delegation headed by Acting Ambassador David Peleg.

NE'EMAN

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Cabinet ministers, most of whom knew nothing of the plan to appoint Ne'eman, yesterday expressed satisfaction with the move.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat said the appointment of Ne'eman was a matter of justice being done after Ne'eman was forced to quit the government to stand trial on charges of which he was completely exonerated.

Likud MK David Re'em, a supporter of Sharon's, regretted "the cabinet's losing Sharon" and called Ne'eman's appointment "another part of Bibi's theater of the absurd. There's Alice in Wonderland and there's Netanyahu in surprise land."

The National Religious Party, which had demanded Ne'eman's return to the cabinet after his recent acquittal of suborning justice charges, commended the move.

However, MK Nissan Solomiansky threatened the faction might not support the new appointments if the government does not fulfill its construction promises in Hebron.

Labor Party leader MK Ehud Barak commended the appointment and said he hopes "Ne'eman's talents help this staggering government, which limps from one mine to the other without missing a single one, get by some of the potholes."

Labor MK Shimon Peres said "the government remains shaky and lacking direction."

State Attorney Edna Arbel told the Knesset Interior Committee she knows of no reason that should prevent Ne'eman's appointment.

TERMS

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Indeed, Ne'eman's problems will be in the political sphere.

To pick up from where Dan Meridor has left off, Ne'eman must first and foremost uphold the thankless struggle to reign in the budget deficit, where his predecessor had registered some success.

However, to achieve that, Ne'eman will have to snub Netanyahu's fiscally hungry coalition partners.

Similarly, to continue Meridor's struggles to de-monopolize such major economic players as the electricity and transportation industries, Ne'eman must confront some of the country's most powerful unions.

To be sure, Ne'eman is anything but confrontation-shy, and he is bound to strive toward Meridor's goals with a much more combative attitude.

However, due to his lack of a

political power base Ne'eman's appointment might prove that Israel's political system actually needs a political minister of finance, a person who would be able to cut the defense budget in spite of Yitzhak Mordechai's resistance, and slash various social expenses against Foreign Minister and Geshet faction leader David Levy's will.

Finally, beyond the challenges they face from unions and politicians, Ne'eman and Netanyahu's most potent threat will come from yesterday's big loser, Ariel Sharon.

Having been led, along with the rest of us, to believe that he would preside over the national coffers, Sharon's mistreatment amounts to public humiliation.

In his newly disgruntled state, Sharon can not only abort the further redeployment, but in fact he can rally all budgetary malcontents against the premier and his finance minister. In other words, a humiliated Sharon is even more dangerous than the usual one.

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A meeting to present the guidelines for the tender for a third operator of mobile radio telephone services will be held on Sunday July 13, 1997 at 10 a.m. at Beth Sokolov, 4 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv.

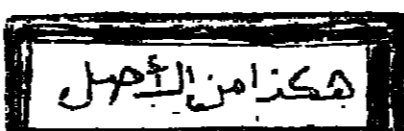
Participants:
Minister of Communications Limor Livnat
The Director General of the Ministry of Communications and Chairman of the Tenders Committee, Mr. Daniel Rosenne

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Burned-out member

Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak (right), on a visit to Beit Shemesh yesterday, watches an apparently disenchanted Likud Party member burn his membership card.

(Brian Headler)

Likud's Sheerit blasts appointment; says Sharon a better choice

By DAVID HARRIS

"Ariel Sharon would have made a very good finance minister," Likud MK and deputy Knesset speaker Meir Sheerit declared yesterday, expressing regret over the handling of the ministerial appointments over the last two weeks. "Sharon was the minister of industry and trade and did a very good job."

Ya'acov Ne'eman will discover the task is particularly difficult for him to perform because he lacks a political power base, Sheerit added. "He may say 'Yes' to everybody," Sheerit continued. "Sharon can say 'No' to everyone, he wouldn't give a damn for anyone as minister of finance and so would take the right steps for the Israeli economy."

After Ne'eman's appointment to the Treasury was announced, MKs generally expressed their satisfaction. Opposition MKs were largely of the opinion that Ne'eman is far more suited to the Treasury than Sharon, both economically and politically, with coalition members taking the line that Ne'eman has had previous experience at the Treasury, as he served as its director-general in 1979-81.

Ayraham Shohat (Labor) - "The new finance minister will not be able to operate properly unless the modus operandi change in the Prime Minister's Office. If this continues, Ne'eman will be entering an office in which he will achieve nothing. Unless the unit in the Prime Minister's Office [under Binjamin Netanyahu's economics adviser Moshe Leon] which publishes releases on taxation, on the budget and interest rates is abolished, it's preferable not to stay in the post."

"Ne'eman is very extreme in his political views, and he made a grave mistake in his behavior which lead him not to be justice minister."

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy (NRP) - "Ne'eman's



Ariel Sharon



Meir Sheerit

appointment is excellent. He has a great deal of experience in the field of economics. This is a just act as it enables Ya'acov Ne'eman to return to the government. I believe this was all done with Ariel Sharon's agreement, so the prime minister informed me in the middle of last night [early Monday]. I don't believe the NRP is any different from the rest of the people in gaining from the appointment. Ne'eman is not a member of the NRP camp, as you put it, he is not a paid up member."

Ophir Pines (Labor) - "Ne'eman is far more preferable to Sharon, but at the same time Ne'eman must concentrate on the post of finance minister and remove himself from all his other interests, which he seems to have throughout the country."
Nissim Dahan (Shas) - "I'm pleased with the appointment. It means there don't have to be all sorts of upheavals within the government. He has the experience, but at the same time the Treasury is now a different place, with different work methods. He is an excellent manager and lawyer. With regard to the suggestion that he may transfer funds to small organizations, if he does do so it's

not a disaster, because these groups that may have been ignored until today deserve something."
Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) - "It's hard to tell from his [Ne'eman's] short period as Treasury director-general how good he'll be, I just wish him luck. The question is more about diplomatic policy, Israel's standing in the world and the peace process, rather than the more technical issue of how the Treasury is managed. But Ne'eman is more appropriate [than Sharon] because he has greater experience of economics."
Haim Oron (Meretz) - "The discussion surrounding his appointment was entirely based on politics and had nothing at all to do with the serious economic problems facing Israel. I doubt whether Ne'eman, who is thought of as a more professional appointee, will be able to progress the economy, given it has been heading for recession for several months under this government."
Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) - "I think it's a good appointment. I'm particularly pleased that Ariel Sharon will remain in his current post as infrastructure minister, because it's a job that demands a person like him and he's begun a

number of important projects that must be completed, such as the work of the Ronen committee [on land reform] and the economic projects with Russia such as the gas.

"With regard to Ne'eman and his track record as director-general, I haven't heard any bad reports and that says a lot."

Abdul Malik Dahamshe (Democratic Arab Party) - "We know that the government is in a crisis, with a lack of confidence between ministers and the prime minister. This leads to all sorts of immediate solutions and this appointment appears to be one of them. This solution brings more quiet to the country's political leadership and less votes of no confidence in it. From an economic perspective the appointment could turn out to be no less good than that of Sharon, after all we know Sharon is not thought of as being the greatest economist, but thinks more about the things he is interested in. This appointment neutralizes this possibility and that's good. I hope Ne'eman [literally 'the true one'] will live up to his name."

Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) - "Ne'eman is appropriate for the job with his wide experience. If you think about it, he's had more experience than his predecessors Dan Meridor and Avraham Shohat. I believe Sharon is more appropriate for the National Infrastructure Ministry, he may have become bored in the Treasury deciding on technicalities about half a tax point. With regard to smaller parties and organizations, I hope Ne'eman will correct existing discrepancies, whether in favor of hardim or any other group."

Berny Elon (Molodet) - "Both from the legal and financial perspectives he is strong. I'm just concerned by all the energy that's been expended in recent days by the government. It's neither proportional nor logical."

BACKGROUND

Free-marketeer Ne'eman no stranger to Finance Ministry

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Although the post of finance minister - to which Ya'acov Ne'eman was named yesterday - will be a new one for him, the ministry itself should feel familiar to the man who served as its director-general from 1979-1981.

As a law professor and highly-regarded expert on taxation, Ne'eman first made a name for himself in politics in the late 1970s when he penned the National Religious Party's economic platform. In it, Ne'eman called for greater privatization of state-owned corporations and for decreased government bureaucracy and intervention in the markets.

Ne'eman's chance to join the civil service himself arrived soon after, when Yigal Hurvitz, Menachem Begin's new finance minister, made him his director-general and chief adviser.

Ne'eman's first tenure at the Treasury was a controversial one, marked by the unprecedented influence he brought to his post. Pundits claimed Ne'eman virtually ran the ministry, and that Hurvitz, his nominal boss, made no moves without first consulting him. Unsurprisingly, Ne'eman's power and tactics provoked much criticism - throughout his term in that office, colleagues grumbled publicly that he was dictatorial and short-tempered. Rumors of his dismissal circulated periodically, following a number of instances in which Ne'eman boldly declared new ministry initiatives, only to be later contradicted by an embarrassed Hurvitz.

Yigal Hurvitz resigned from the Treasury in January 1981, a victim of his inability to reduce inflation. Ne'eman, as the author of many of Hurvitz's failed policies, followed soon after. In 1986, the Bejski Committee found him partly to blame for the 1983 bank share collapse.

Ne'eman, 54, is a specialist in corporate, financial, and tax law, and co-authored one of the standard works on the latter subject. He has 15 years of experience as a partner in the prestigious corporate law firm of Hezzog-Fox-Ne'eman.

Ne'eman is observant and has for many years been associated with the National Religious Party. In 1979, he authored an economic platform for the party, which called for accelerated sale of state companies, capital market reform, freeing up state land to ease the housing crisis, and canceling taxes on imported building materials - a program which Netanyahu would be happy to implement in its entirety. Like Netanyahu, Ne'eman has also consistently favored lowering income taxes, cutting budgets, reducing the

number of government employees, and reducing bureaucracy.

An area in which Ne'eman is likely to be useful to Netanyahu is in the thorny area of religious-secular relations, since he is trusted by both sides. His sympathy with religious interests runs deep. As far back as 1972, while serving as chairman of Bar-Ilan University's Law School, Ne'eman proposed a bill to give large families certain financial benefits, something which the religious parties have worked ever since to pass, finally succeeding during the last Knesset.

However, Ne'eman also has a proven ability to get along well with secular politicians from every side of the House. Former industry and trade minister Micha Harish appointed him to head a commission on encouraging film production, and former interior minister Uzi Baram (Labor) placed him at the head of a committee investigating financial irregularities in Bnei Brak. This committee ultimately recommended that the city's elected council be replaced by an appointed one until its finances were straightened out.

Ne'eman is also considered an opponent of the judicial activism represented by Supreme Court President Aharon Barak, something which may have contributed to the rejection of his candidacy for a seat on the Supreme Court in 1982. However, the major factor behind his rejection was apparently the fact that, if appointed, he would have brought the number of Orthodox justices up to four out of 12.

Until his recent trial for obstructing justice, which resulted in his acquittal in May, the most serious scandal in Ne'eman's career was his involvement in the Bus 300 affair, in which the General Security Service killed two captured terrorists and then lied about it. Ne'eman helped broker a deal whereby then GSS chief Avraham Shalom and three assistants were given a blanket pardon without even being charged, in exchange for Shalom's resignation.

The deal, which spared the government the necessity of investigating the affair, was made without the knowledge of then attorney-general Yosef Harish, and was sharply criticized by jurists as undermining the rule of law and the office of the attorney-general.

Ne'eman also handled the late Robert Maxwell's business dealings here. However, despite the dubiousness of Maxwell's business practices elsewhere, there has been no suspicion of any irregularities in his Israeli operations.

Ne'eman is married with six children, and lives in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

Yitzhak renews petition

One year later, Ne'eman returns to government

By HERB KEINON

Globes journalist Yoav Yitzhak petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against appointing Ya'acov Ne'eman as finance minister.

Yitzhak is demanding that Ne'eman and Prime Minister Binjamin Netanyahu be investigated for violating the Party Funding Law, alleging that Ne'eman played a key role in illegally raising NIS 1.654 million from foreign donors for the Likud's 1996 election campaign. He suggested that Netanyahu gave Ne'eman the justice portfolio after the election to reward Ne'eman for this.

The petition also called on Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to investigate Ne'eman for interfering in the arbitration of a disagreement between Avraham Taub and Yosef Gutnick, who is a client and friend of Ne'eman's, Yitzhak said. Immediately after Ne'eman was appointed justice minister last June, Yitzhak petitioned the High Court of Justice against the appointment. Ne'eman resigned from the position after an investigation was launched into allegations of obstruction of justice that Yitzhak had raised. Ne'eman was acquitted of those charges in May in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. (Itim)

On June 18, 1996, Ya'acov Ne'eman was sworn in as justice minister. Just over a year later he will be sworn in as finance minister. His road to, from, and then back to the cabinet has indeed been long and winding.

Ne'eman was named a candidate for justice minister soon after the elections, as part of Prime Minister Binjamin Netanyahu's declared plan to bring professionals - as opposed to politicians - into some of the top cabinet posts. The other professional he hoped to bring in was Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, as finance minister.

Neither Frenkel's appointment, which was rescinded soon after and given to Dan Meridor, nor Ne'eman's, was particularly successful.

The day after Ne'eman was being sworn in as head of the country's judicial apparatus, Globes reporter Yoav Yitzhak petitioned the High Court of Justice to bar the appointment, alleging that Ne'eman had committed a number of criminal actions that should prevent him from holding such a lofty post. The court dismissed most of the allegations, but were troubled by one: that Ne'eman tried to persuade a witness in the trial of Shas MK Aryeh Deri not to cooperate with the police.

In August, then attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair decided to open a criminal investigation against Ne'eman for obstructing justice. Ne'eman resigned the next day, saying that "a public figure who wishes to prove his innocence against such a serious charge must resign, and fight for his honor."

Netanyahu said then that he had faith in Ne'eman's innocence, and would appoint a caretaker minister while keeping the ministry open for Ne'eman's return.

Before resigning, Ne'eman launched a blistering attack on Ben-Yair, saying that he was out to stop his appointment from the first day. He also said that some in the State Attorney's Office were opposed to his appointment because he is an observant Jew.

State Attorney Edna Arbel decided to indict Ne'eman in November on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. The case went to trial, and in May the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court acquitted Ne'eman, paving the way for his return to the cabinet - if a place could be found. It took two months to find the place.

"We all suffer tests... I hope and pray that no one [else] ever has to go through the experience of being tried on the grounds of an unfounded indictment," Ne'eman said after the court's decision.

Estranged father donates cells to save daughter

By JUDY SIEGEL

A man who had never met his seven-year-old daughter came from abroad to donate life-saving stem cells and save her from leukemia.

When the girl was only two, she suffered leukemia; after being treated with intensive chemotherapy, she went into remission. But after a while, the cancer returned and it was clear she needed a bone-marrow transplant. Since she had no siblings, a suitable donor was sought in bone-marrow registries around the world.

When no match was found, it was decided to use a new technique of taking stem cells from one of her parents, each of whom has a 50 percent tissue match to their child. Special equipment is used to collect stem cells from the blood, giving 10 times as many bone-marrow cells as when they are taken in a bone-marrow transplant and a 95% success rate in overcoming rejection by the patient's immune system.

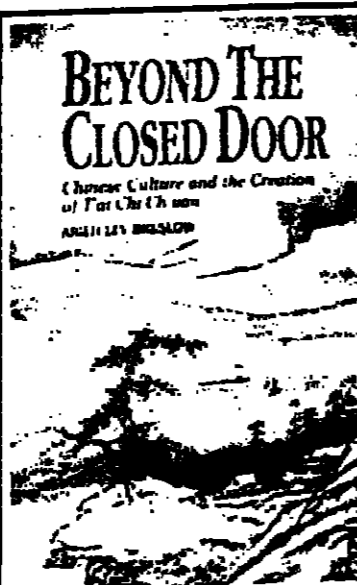
Since the girl came from a single-parent family, the stem cells were initially donated by her mother, but her body rejected them. After great efforts, the hospital then located the father abroad and he came two months

ago to donate the stem cells to the daughter he had never met. She spent the time since the procedure in a germ-free room at the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel

(SCMCI) and is now home; coming for treatment at the hospital's oncology department.

The technique for transplanting bone-marrow cells from the blood of a non-identical donor

was developed by Prof. Yair Reisner of the Weizmann Institute and Prof. Rina Zaitsov and colleagues from the SCMCI, with help from Prof. Massimo Marelli from Europe.



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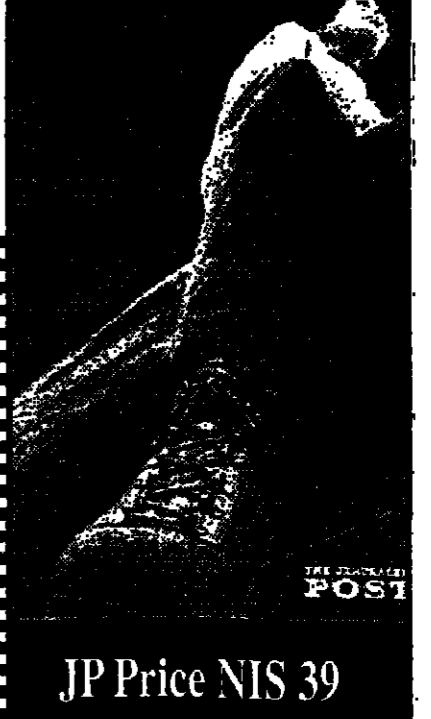
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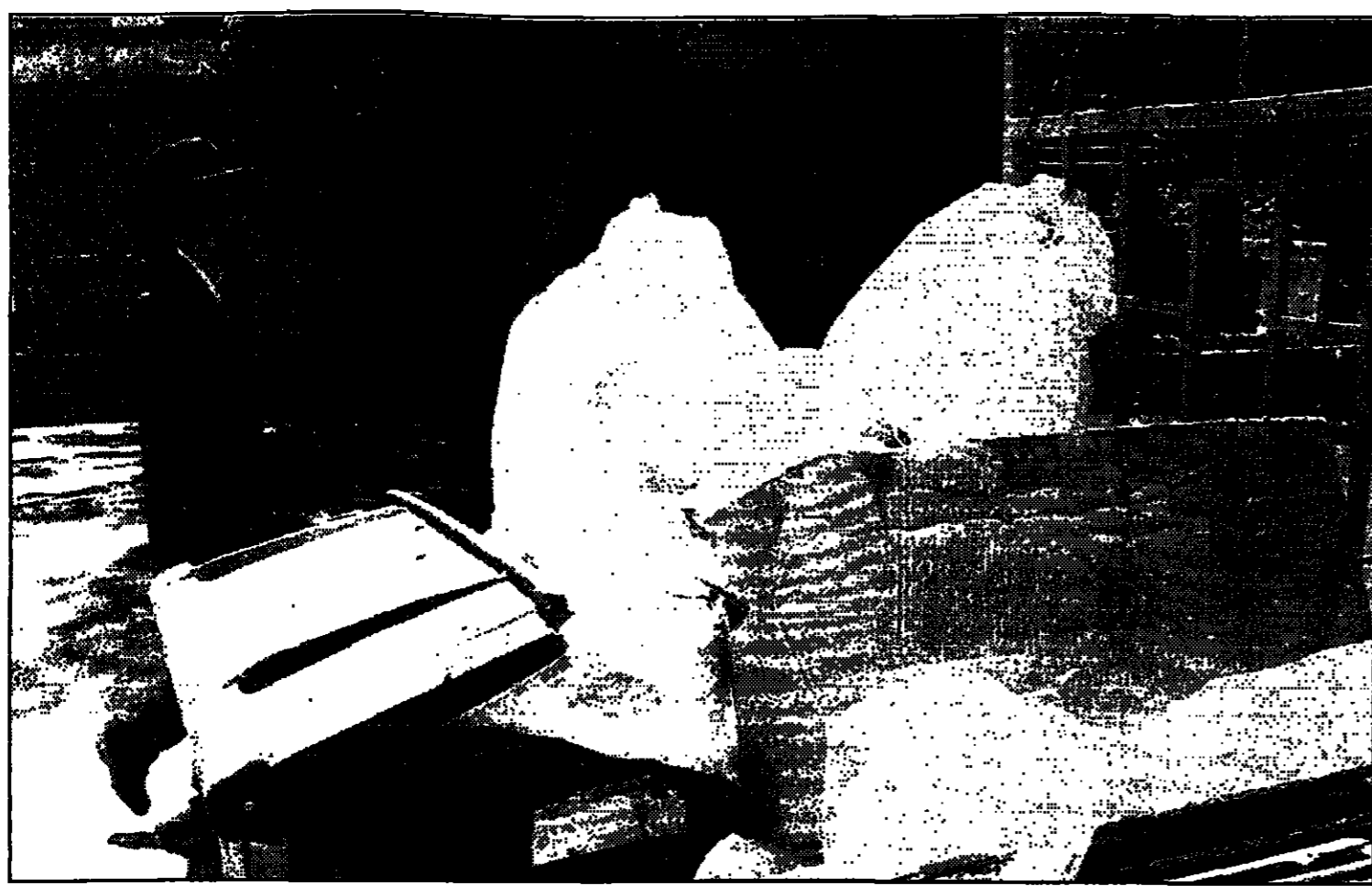
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Garbage piles up yesterday on Rehov Yehezkel, adjacent to Jerusalem's Mea She'arim neighborhood.

(Brian Hestler)

Capital refuses to collect Mea She'arim garbage

By ELLI WOHLGELERITER

The Jerusalem Municipality has decided to up the ante against demonstrating haredim in the Mea She'arim neighborhood. Garbage bins in the area, which are regularly burned during demonstrations, have been removed, and no garbage will be collected "until the leaders of the neighborhood promise to stop damaging them," the city said.

Bonkers Bagels branch store on Rehov Mea She'arim. "I don't know where we're going to put our garbage, that's a good question, we really haven't figured that out yet. We might just put it out here in the corner, where the city will hopefully pick it up. It'll start piling up, but there's not much we can do about it."

Most of the shop owners on the street feel that both sides are wrong, the haredim for burning the garbage dumpsters and the city for punishing the neighborhood for the actions of a few. "This is not the way to handle the situation," said a bookstore owner, who refused to be identified. "I don't think that in Rehavia, for example, if they decided to hold a demonstration and damaged property that the city would decide not to collect garbage."

They do affects everybody else, especially those people who have stores here. "You have to bring in the police and let them take care of it, the way it's supposed to be done, you don't let everybody suffer because a bunch of hoodlums decide they can go and take things into their own hands."

Dan Shilon quits Reshet management

By HELEN KAYE

Popular broadcaster Dan Shilon yesterday resigned his position as co-general manager of the Reshet TV franchise and host of the highly rated Monday and Thursday night talk show on Channel 2, to form his own production company.



Dan Shilon (Sarit Uziel)

relieved of the pressures of his job as a manager and broadcaster and partly on the desire to be independent after years as an employee. "There is no fiction between me and the Reshet board and there are no secret deals with any other company here or abroad."

Channel 2 takes on Treasury

By HELEN KAYE

The Second Television and Radio Authority (STRA) has mounted a massive lobbying campaign in the Knesset to prevent Treasury-sponsored legislation that would partially strip the STRA of its fiscal autonomy.

tor, and independent of the public purse," said the STRA Public Council chairman Prof. Gideon Doron at yesterday's press conference. "If the Treasury gets control of our funds, then the authority's flexibility and ability to cover events, especially the news, will be compromised."

N. African immigrants fighting to reclaim missing birth dates

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Thousands of North African immigrants are waiting for the Interior Ministry and the Jewish Agency to allow them to recover one of their most prized possessions: their birth dates.

away. "The Jewish Agency people told us at the time that they were taking the passports from us so that they could bring in more Jews. They were lying," he said. When he got together with friends at a party recently, he said, "almost half those present had identity cards with only their year of birth listed."

are registered incorrectly, meaning that some already eligible for pensions or National Insurance Institute payments may not be granted these rights for another several years, or until they can prove their real age. Nissim Tibi, 70, of Moshav Yamuv near Netanya, claims that immigrant documents were taken away even earlier than the 1950s.

Greek Orthodox-Wakf dispute remains unresolved

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Despite a recent Jordanian report that a solution had been found to the dispute between the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate and the Moslem Wakf in Jerusalem, there is still no solution in sight.

in Istanbul, who was away. When officials of the Patriarch tried to visit the rooms, they found the doorways blocked with cement and the representative's belongings flung into a nearby corridor.

lem amicably. We all feel that it should be solved amicably," he said. The Jordanians had proposed exchanging the two rooms for St. George's Church in Kerak, east of the Dead Sea, he said. The church, he said, had been a place of worship for both Christians and Moslems, but a Jordanian court had ruled that it belonged to the Moslems.

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AT THE KNESSET

Knesset committee protests Olmert's lateness

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday called off a meeting after Jerusalem Mayor and Likud MK Ehud Olmert failed to turn up on time to address it on the Palestinian Authority's activities in Jerusalem.

tor-general of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, Yigal Ben-Shalom, said the ministry is taking steps to better enforce the relevant regulations among the employers and to impose the highest possible fines. He also said there is a proposal, which has been presented to the state attorney, to make the employment of illegal workers a criminal offense.

Ministry to clamp down on illegal workers' employers
At a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee on foreign workers yesterday, the director-general of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, Yigal Ben-Shalom, said the ministry is taking steps to better enforce the relevant regulations among the employers and to impose the highest possible fines.

Gesher, Meretz, and Shas. The trip is being organized by the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, a Tel Aviv-based group.



Caring for survivors
Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller, head of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, visits with residents of the Zahalon Geriatric Center in Jaffa yesterday. The conference covered a third of the \$4.5 million cost of three new departments at the center, which opened this week, to care for Holocaust survivors and other Tel Aviv residents who need residential nursing. (Text: Judy Siegel; photo: Vera Eizikov)

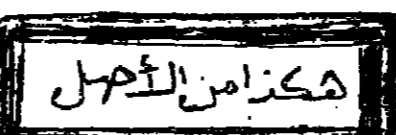
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Gaullists pick new leader

By PAUL-FRANÇOIS DU LOMBART

PARIS (AP) — President Jacques Chirac's Gaullists elected former parliamentary leader Philippe Seguin to be their new party chief Sunday, hoping the popular politician will lead them back from last month's stunning election loss.

Seguin, still a member of parliament and mayor of the eastern town of Epinal, told the Rally for the Republic Party (RPR) he would open "a new and decisive page" for the currently shaken Gaullists.

"I know, as you all do, that the task awaiting me, which awaits us, is immense," the stout, bushy-browed Seguin told a special conference of party activists.

He received 78 percent of the party activists' votes.

Seguin, 54, replaces former premier Alain Juppe as president of the RPR, and has been the party's de facto leader since leftist parties soundly defeated Juppe's conservative coalition in parliamentary elections June 1.

The leftists of new Socialist Premier Lionel Jospin won by promising to fight France's 12.5 percent unemployment ahead of Juppe and Chirac's attempts to trim France's budget deficit.

Seguin, as president of the

National Assembly, also had criticized Juppe's budget cutting, which was aimed at meeting conditions for joining a common European currency. Seguin also resisted Juppe and Chirac's attempts to reform France's generous health and welfare system.

Though Seguin changed his mind to support monetary union during the campaign, he made no mention Sunday of the common currency, the euro, which is scheduled to debut in 1999.

Seguin also sidestepped one of the Gaullists' biggest points of internal dispute — whether to become more like the far-right National Front party, whose candidates drew crucial votes from the conservatives.

A poll published Thursday said conservative voters want the Gaullists and their allies on the mainstream Right to adopt the anti-immigrant policies of the Front.

The Front won 15% of the first-round vote by blaming immigrants for the country's crime and high unemployment, and threatening mass deportations.

Seguin ignored other party officials who called for a harsher anti-immigrant stance, but accused Jospin and the Left of conducting a "miserable and dangerous strategy" of nurturing the Front to erode the conservatives' support.

'New' NATO meets amid discord on expansion

By JONATHAN CLAYTON

MADRID (Reuters) — NATO leaders are to convene here today for a summit called to inaugurate a new European security order and seal the West's Cold War victory by admitting former communist enemies into the alliance.

But before the start of the historic meeting, a transatlantic row over how many countries to invite to join the most powerful military alliance ever assembled threatened to overshadow the birth of a "new NATO."

France and Italy, backed by seven other European allies, are leading a campaign for Slovenia and Romania to be admitted to the club along with former Warsaw Pact foes Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

The United States, which has led the campaign to expand the 16-nation NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), has made clear it will only back the accession of the three main candidates in the first wave.

"The heads of government are

going to have a really serious discussion on their hands," a senior alliance diplomat said.

"Only they are going to be able to resolve this." The dispute goes to the heart of moves to build a new European security architecture by spreading NATO's "zone of stability" further east in parallel with new cooperative relationships with Russia and Ukraine.

Supporters of the wider enlargement say both Romania and Slovenia fulfill the basic criteria of a functioning democracy and market economy and their inclusion would have a positive impact on the edge of the Black Sea and Balkan danger areas.

They argue failure to include the two will create new divisions in Europe and leave precisely the type of security vacuum enlargement was meant to eradicate.

But President Bill Clinton, who says only Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic are ready for the burdens of membership, has to face growing domestic opposition to enlarge-

ment in the Republican-led Congress which must ratify the plan.

In a pre-summit editorial *The New York Times* declared: "Given the absence of a clear threat to Europe and the possibility of so many unpredictable consequences, NATO expansion seems a gratuitous risk."

Clinton, who spent the weekend relaxing with King Juan Carlos on the Spanish holiday island of Majorca, has ruled out any compromise, angering Europeans sensitive to accusations they are mere spectators at a US-run NATO show.

Before the two-day summit officially kicks off today, a series of high-level meetings was slated to try to agree to the consensus by which NATO operates.

NATO officials predict a "lively discussion" with the Europeans pushing for strong commitments of future enlargements before backing down.

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi urged Clinton yesterday to trust European judgment on the issue. "Europe

cannot be denied its views on problems in its own region," he told *The International Herald Tribune*.

"We should not forget that ethnic rivalry inside Romania was one of our nightmares regarding the future of Eastern Europe, and they have resolved the issue," he added, saying Italy would stick to its position.

Germany, Europe's wealthiest and largest state, could be crucial to the final outcome, but — reflecting divisions between military and political advocates — is itself divided.

Defense Minister Volker Ruehe said on Sunday the first wave should be limited to three members, even though Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said Bonn could support adding five.

"There are not five but 12 states wanting to enter NATO and there is no way we could take in all 12 at once," Ruehe said.

NATO's military experts fear a wider enlargement could make its effectiveness, particularly as it comes at the same time as an overhaul of its command struc-

tures equipping it for more Bosnia-style peace missions.

Solana said on Saturday the summit would still be a success.

"Out of this alliance and out of this summit, everybody will be a winner from the point of view of security. No country will be a loser," he told a Madrid news conference.

"We are not going to create new divisions in Europe. On the contrary, we are going to erase them."

US officials said they were braced for a blast from President Jacques Chirac, who has said Paris's conditions for rejoining NATO's military wing have not yet been met. Chirac's spokesman said last week, however, that Paris would not "take hostage" the leading three countries about which all agreed, just to press for the inclusion of Romania and Slovenia.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who signed the Founding Act of a new cooperative relationship with NATO at a summit in May, has stayed away from Madrid to avoid giving the impression of endorsing the expansion Russia still dislikes.

Patten: UK ignored Hong Kong's tilt toward democracy

By TED ANTHONY

HONG KONG (AP) — Less than a week out of office, former governor Chris Patten has thrust himself back into Hong Kong politics with accusations that Britain ignored the former colony's leanings toward democracy in an attempt to appease China.

His allegations drew condemnation and denial from his government in London. And Paddy Ashdown, leader of Britain's opposition Liberal Democrats, demanded the release of documents shedding light on what he termed a matter of the "gravest seriousness."

Patten said London, under former British foreign secretary Lord Howe, entered into a "gents' understanding" with Beijing to renege on a 1984 British promise to introduce direct elections in Hong Kong starting in 1988.

Government polls conducted in the colony in 1987, Patten said, were shaped and framed in "spectacularly imaginative ways" to imply that Hong Kong's citizens neither valued nor really wanted democracy.

"There is absolutely no doubt at all that the majority wanted direct elections," Patten said in the *Sunday Times*, in an interview with broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby, who chronicled the PRD for a TV documentary.

"If I were a citizen of Hong Kong, I would regard it as very bad that I hadn't been kept in the know and that my views had been treated in this way," Patten said.

Hong Kong returned to Chinese sovereignty on July 1 under a 1984 Sino-British agreement called the Joint Declaration.

Patten, long an ardent defender of democracy in Hong Kong, provoked Beijing's ire shortly after arriving here in 1992 by reforming the election system.

He sounded his theme to the last, saying in his farewell speech last week that democracy should be the territory's "unshakable destiny."

Patten's latest remarks could well be as personal as they are ideological — a response to British diplomats who claimed his democratic reforms were a futile exercise that aggravated Beijing into aborting the legislature.

Opposition wrests Mexico City in first mayoral election since 1928

By TIM LOUGHRAN

MEXICO CITY (New York Times) — Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, who failed in two bids to be president, was elected mayor of Mexico City, trouncing the ruling party by a 2-1 margin as he captured almost 50 percent of the popular vote.

With more than 70 percent of the vote counted, Cardenas won 48%. His closest rival, Alfredo del Mazo of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) had 25.5%. Carlos Castillo Peraza of



The new mayor of Mexico City, Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, waves after claiming victory at a press conference on Sunday.

the center-right National Action Party (PAN) had 18.6%.

As the first elected mayor of Mexico's capital since 1928, Cardenas now plans to push the Democratic Revolutionary Party's (PRD) agenda of lower taxes, higher spending and more revenue sharing to the nation's 31 states for a third run for the presidency in 2000.

To a hotel ballroom full of reporters and cheering supporters, Cardenas said, "We have won the city. Let's get set for the year 2000!" Later, to thousands of cheering, flag-waving PRD supporters in the capital's Zocalo Plaza and above the crackling of fireworks, Cardenas returned to the center-right, anti-corruption themes that helped deliver his apparent victory.

"We must govern with honor and responsibility," Cardenas said.

The popularity of Cardenas, who founded the center-left PRD in 1989 amid discontent with the free-market economic policies of the ruling PRI, helped the party win about 26 percent of the nation's vote for the 500-seat Chamber of Deputies.

With 80 percent of the vote for Congress counted, the PRI captured 38 percent while the center-right National Action Party (PAN) captured 27 percent.

Del Mazo conceded defeat to Cardenas less than 90 minutes after the official vote count began. Shortly thereafter, President Ernesto Zedillo said Cardenas and the PRD could count on his "unwavering support." Still, Cardenas's election is certain to make life difficult for Zedillo as the campaign for the presidency begins.

"The decibel level in Mexico is headed way up," said Delaz Baer, the head of the Mexico Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC. "Everyone will have to learn to live and work together like they never had before," Baer said.

A two-time PRD presidential can-

didate and former PRI governor of Michoacan state, Cardenas is the son of the late president Lázaro Cardenas, who served from 1934 to 1940 and is remembered fondly by Mexicans for his nationalization of the railroads and the oil industry. He also helped organize the Mexican Workers Confederation (CTM), still the nation's largest and most-powerful labor union.

Cardenas inherited many of his father's concerns for social welfare, splitting from the PRI after he felt the party put too much emphasis on free-market economic policies as the solution to the country's poverty. He was a vocal opponent of the decision to sign a free trade agreement with the US.

Those policies have unnerved

some investors and financial market analysts. "A [Cardenas] victory will mean a higher level of political uncertainty," said Felix Boni, head of Mexico equity research at ING Barings.

Cardenas has moved to the center in recent years, however. And while he still says he would re-negotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, now he encourages foreign investment and the reduction of government red tape.

Moreover, the mayor's powers are limited under Mexico's highly centralized system. The mayor has no say over taxes and can't even appoint the police chief.

Cardenas's victory could widen divisions within the PRI by giving the PRD the national stature it's

long been denied.

"In the past, the PRD was seen as inconsequential since it was so small and hadn't won anything major," Baer said. "With a big victory like this under its belt, the PRD will see a lot more defections" from the PRI.

During the campaign, Cardenas criticized the ruling party and Zedillo for failing to curb government and police corruption, slash the bureaucracy, and reduce personal and corporate income taxes.

As mayor he'll almost certainly demand greater federal spending on economic development projects and will be joined by PAN elected officials in calling for Mexico City and the country's 31 states to get a greater share of federal tax revenue.

'First Lady' of US Navy dies at 98

By KEN RINGE

WASHINGTON (The Washington Post) — Roberta Gorsuch Burke, a tiny, self-effacing widow whose quiet selflessness and lifetime of service brought her the unsought title of "First Lady of the United States Navy," died July 4 of cardiac arrest at her home in Fairfax, Virginia. She was 98.

Burke was the widow of Adm. Arleigh "31-Knot" Burke, a celebrated World War II hero, who, as three-term chief of naval operations from 1955-1961 led the tradition-bound navy into the nuclear age and became arguably the most commanding figure in its history.

But as President Clinton noted in his eulogy at the admiral's funeral last year, a large part of Arleigh Burke's success was built on the unique partnership he shared with his wife of 72 years.

"You have blessed America with your service and set an example for not only navy wives today and to come but for all Americans," the president said.

"Bobbie" Burke was as slender, shy and soft-spoken as her husband was bear-shaped, gregarious and full-speed-ahead. But from the moment they met on a blind date in Annapolis, Md., she, like him, was married to the navy.

A native of Lawrence, Kansas, she had moved with her family to Westminster, Maryland, during World War I and soon ended up working for the Treasury Department in Washington.

When her older sister was invited on a blind date with a midshipman and backed out, Burke went instead and was introduced to her future husband.

They were married June 7, 1923, the day he graduated from the Naval Academy.

Her quiet strength, serenity and mischievous wit won so many friends that at her death she was still receiving hundreds of letters a year from navy wives and foreign diplomats grateful for her example.

Japanese diplomats sought her out annually until her final days. Queen Frederika of Greece used to end state visits to the US by flying off formally from Andrews Air Force Base only to circle her plane and land again unobtrusively in order to spend a week or more with the Burkes. Thirty years ago at the Waldorf Astoria in New York, Burke was mistaken for actress Helen Hayes. At the Reagan White House, one evening, Hayes reported being mistaken for Bobbie Burke.

Yet Burke always downplayed her achievements as the routine contributions of "a sailor's wife," the epitaph she chose for herself on the tombstone adjoining her husband's in the Naval Academy Cemetery in Annapolis.

Burke was honored with a special "Salute to a Sailor's Wife" dinner last fall at the Naval Memorial.

There, Margaret Dalton, wife of the secretary of the navy, declared her still "first lady of the navy" despite the passage of 35 years since her days in Admiral's House, now the residence of the vice president.

The Daltons are flying back from Europe for Burke's funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Naval Academy Chapel where she was married.

A navy spokesman announced it will be "a large funeral with everything short of military honors."

The Burkes left behind no children.

"The navy was their family," the spokesman said. "And the navy will be there."

Cambodia plunges into chaos as Hun Sen seizes capital

By GRANT PECK

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA (AP) — An attempted coup has plunged Cambodia into chaos, with tanks rumbling through the capital and thousands of terrified residents trying to flee fighting between Cambodia's feuding prime ministers.

At day's end Second Premier Hun Sen's forces seemed to have the upper hand and claimed to have seized control of the Cambodian capital. Throughout the day yesterday mortar, rocket and machine-gun fire sent residents streaming out of Phnom Penh by foot, bicycle and motorbike.

Scattered rocket and mortar rounds pounded the capital, setting fire to a fuel dump that tossed black smoke high into the sky.

Forces loyal to Hun Sen, the man who launched the attack, tried to shut down roads out of Phnom Penh, but they could not stop the widespread exodus. Hundreds of people lined the banks of the capital's Tonle Sap River, desperate for a ferry ride to safety. Meas Vanna, who quickly packed three bags and grabbed her four-month-old baby, was among them.

"I'm very scared of the shelling around my house," she said. "A shell hit one of the homes next to mine and it caught fire."

Armored personnel carriers and tanks roared

through Phnom Penh's streets while Hun Sen went on national radio to deny he was leading a coup attempt. He has accused his rival, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, of preparing for war. "This is not a political dispute between one party and another, nor is it a coup d'etat or a civil war like Ranariddh the traitor has declared," Hun Sen said.

The country's airport remained closed. Phones lines, down for most of the day, were restored by evening.

Hun Sen, who holds the military upper hand in the capital, said Prince Ranariddh's royalist party could rejoin the now-shattered coalition government — but said he would refuse to

share power with Ranariddh.

Ranariddh said he fled Cambodia for France on Friday after hearing about the impending coup. "My generals advised me to leave Cambodia or I would be in danger," Ranariddh said on Sunday from a residence in France.

At least nine people have been killed since Hun Sen launched his putsch Saturday, according to hospital officials and diplomats. Another 50 people have been seriously wounded.

Soldiers loyal to Hun Sen's formerly communist Cambodian People's Party appeared to be consolidating his power, but they faced stiff resistance from Ranariddh's supporters, particularly in an area near Phnom Penh University.

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Treasured post

When Binyamin Netanyahu was elected prime minister last year, he was not only the youngest man ever to be elected to that post, he was also one of the most inexperienced. He had never been a minister before, let alone prime minister. His aides sometimes compare the troubles he has encountered in his first year to those of another young leader who had a rocky beginning: US President Bill Clinton.

Though the appointment of Ya'acov Ne'eman as finance minister, after weeks of false starts and haggling, is a good one both for Netanyahu and the country, the process that engendered the changes were hardly an example of Netanyahu being a master of his own destiny.

At the time of this writing, it is still unclear whether National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon or Ne'eman was Netanyahu's first choice to replace Dan Meridor. What is clear is that Sharon was headed for the post and for a spot in the inner security cabinet (the "kitchenette"), along with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Foreign Minister David Levy, until those two ministers decided that Sharon would make one too many cooks.

Levy, in fact, called for abolishing the "kitchenette," and argued for his exclusive control over foreign policy. As usual, Levy's classic combination of pouting, disappearances, and veiled ultimatums worked, and the "kitchenette" is no more. Instead, Netanyahu simply reserves his right to consult with whichever minister he wishes on any issue.

While political commentators will busy themselves in the coming days with pronouncing winners and losers in this whole episode, the more important question is whether Netanyahu's having a government more to his liking - given the departure of Meridor and Ze'ev Begin and the restoring of Ne'eman - means that the government will function more effectively.

One test will be of the strength and competence of the incoming finance minister. Ne'eman's stint as Treasury director-general, though only for a relatively short time many years ago, will give him a leg up over many previous new finance ministers. He does not have a political power base of his own, but he does enjoy the confidence of the prime minister and the respect of the cabinet as a seasoned professional.

In fact, Ne'eman's appointment to such a senior post will become a test case for the proposition that competent non-politicians can

and should hold key spots in the cabinet. The model here is, of course, the American government, in which the entire cabinet is appointed by the president and often includes non-politicians. Ne'eman's US counterpart, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, for example, comes from a Wall Street background and was never an elected official.

If Ne'eman succeeds, he could not only provide a boost for the principle of professional rather than political appointments, but could restore some of the luster to the new, more presidential, system of government that Netanyahu's troubles have tarnished.

So far, the direct election system seems to have produced a government with increased nominal power at the top, but with almost as much vulnerability to the vicissitudes of coalition politics as previous governments. This first major cabinet shuffle may help realize some of the promise of the new system, both by solidifying the coalition and by introducing a professional into a key ministry.

The other major question in the balance is whether there will be an even greater concentration of foreign policy responsibility in the hands of David Levy, and if so, how this will affect the management of the peace process. The greatest significance of an increased role for Levy could be avoiding future coalition crises, rather than any detectable change in the government's approach.

In the wake of this latest shuffle, Sharon will not be finance minister, but he will evidently be more involved in the formulation of security and foreign policy. The reason for this is Netanyahu's belated realization that Sharon can be a constructive partner if brought into the tent, as opposed to a formidable opponent when left out in the cold. What's more, Netanyahu may have prudently concluded that there is no reason to put the economy at risk by having Sharon at the Treasury, just to include him in peace process decision-making.

The cabinet shuffle and associated changes may amount to rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic, or they could be what is needed to give the government a new lease on life. The basic ingredient for success, however, will not be the exact nature of the new arrangements, but whether Netanyahu is able to combine decisiveness with consultation. Netanyahu has amply demonstrated his skill at amassing political power, his keeping that power will depend in the end on showing a similar aptitude for governing.



LEG 97

Real estate for sale

When Ariel Sharon, as national infrastructure minister, decided to adopt the recommendations of the Ronen Committee, it signaled a major change in the way land in this country is managed.

What it means is that some previously state-owned land will be privatized, enabling land to be traded on a free and open market. Many of the rural communities, especially the moshavim, will be able to expand their settlements by constructing new residential neighborhoods at the expense of previously state-held agricultural land.

For many moshavim, the Ronen Committee only authorized an already-existing situation. But many people fear that widespread adoption of the committee's recommendations will open the way to unfettered development, damaging the country's landscape.

The state owns over 90 percent of the country's land, administered by the Israel Lands Authority. As owner of the land, the state can determine not just who buys land, but also to what uses the land is put.

In line with the dominant planning ideology of the '50s and '60s, rural and agricultural settlement was given priority over the establishment and expansion of towns. Most of the land was given over to the rural authorities, the regional councils, as a means of preserving it for agricultural use, and preventing uncontrolled urban expansion and land speculation.

This changed dramatically in the wake of the mass immigration from Russia in 1990-91 and the hurried construction of new urban neighborhoods in virtually every town throughout the country.

The housing minister of the time - Ariel Sharon - was granted an emergency mandate to find a quick solution to the housing crisis caused by the mass immigration. Sharon put his bulldozer

DAVID NEWMAN

capacities into action, making the most of his newly-acquired powers and bypassing virtually every planning and zoning regulation in effect until then.

By the time the emergency regulations were rescinded, the damage had been done. Much of the agricultural landscape in the country's center had disappeared, covered by expanses of concrete, much of it at low density in areas

Can Israel hold onto the country's land while promoting privatization?

where land is at a premium.

There are no heroes in this tale. Another feature of the changing use of land has been rural communities turning fields into shopping malls and open green spaces into industrial parks. They have justified this cashing-in by citing the huge debts of the agricultural sector.

The development towns, for their part, have been pushing to have land forcefully transferred from the regional councils' control to theirs. If land is now open to speculation and private profit, they argue, why should the regional councils profit from land allotted to them by the government in the '50s at no cost, while development towns are strangled and unable to expand?

Supported by Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, this approach is causing consternation amongst the regional councils.

It is not surprising that the narrow 13-12 vote in favor of adopting the Ronen Committee's rec-

ommendations was opposed en bloc by the 12 representatives of the Jewish National Fund, who are members of the ILA directorate. For them, continued state ownership of land cannot be evaluated in economic terms. Their uppermost consideration is the political and ideological importance of land continuing under collective ownership on behalf of the Jewish people.

THERE are no absolute rights or wrongs here.

Those who see it as essential that the state continue owning land to prevent it being sold to "undesirable" elements will oppose the Ronen Committee's recommendations.

Conversely, those who consider it essential that Israel undergo the privatization promised by Prime Minister Netanyahu, with the economy being released from much of its highly rigid and centralized government control, will see the recommendations as a step in the right direction.

The real problem is that the two objectives clash.

Even limited privatization cannot occur without a loss of state control; equally, the state cannot continue owning land while releasing the planning institutions from rigid and over-bureaucratic obstacles to development.

It is hard to untangle the motives of Sharon himself. As a nationalist politician, he surely wants to retain Jewish ownership of land; at the same time, however, he is pushing for massive unrestricted development throughout the country.

How ironic it would be were Sharon's policies to lead to Israeli land being sold to foreign elements.

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Mitchum and Stewart make today's Hollywood stars look like pasteboard

When she was 18, Alicia Silverstone gave a fetching performance in *Clueless*. Immediately showered with a \$10m. two-pic deal, she set up her own production company. This is insane - and distracting. At 20, she shows up again on screen as a pudgy, sluggish Baitgirl.

If the stars of yesterday seem more authentic, it is because they had a signature, a fingerprint, a tone, that was unmistakably theirs.

They were themselves and nobody else. No one walked like Robert Mitchum. No one talked like Jimmy Stewart. No one did a double take like Cary Grant. No one lit up like Audrey Hepburn. No one raised an eyebrow like Vivien Leigh.

They didn't spill their guts about their psyches. It didn't matter that Ingrid Bergman's accent was Swedish instead of Spanish in *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. Clark Gable, as Rhett, needed no drawl.

In today's Hollywood, anyone with star potential wants to stretch.

Why must Kevin Costner inflict a bad English accent in *Robin Hood*? Why would we want to see Michelle Pfeiffer play a pallid wallflower in *Frankie and Johnny*? Why would we want to watch Sharon Stone do a Susan Hayward imitation in *Last Dance*? Why would we want to see Julia Roberts with shaved eyebrows and no makeup in *Mary Reilly*? We live in an age without limits now, and so the junk Hollywood turns out is limitless.

(New York Times)

The writer is an attorney.

Never again...

HELEN MOTRO

Like Mark Twain said, "Giving up smoking is easy - I've done it dozens of times." Half of Israel could say the same about El Al.

Imagine asking the wrinkled, exhausted passengers sardined into the arrival bus at Ben-Gurion: "What about your next trip?"

In one voice, the chorus would arise: "El Al? Never again! I was bumped from my flight, my pre-assigned seat evaporated from their computer, they ran out of pillows, with my asthma they seated me in the smoking section, there were fewer blankets than passengers, the overhead closet was full.

"I ordered vegetarian and got glatt, all the Marlboros were sold out after the first three rows, the duty free cart snuck by as I slept, they interrupted my dream for a microwaved bagel, they lost my bag.

"I couldn't see the screen, there wasn't enough room for bending down to take off my shoes, my legs/neck/spine got a cramp, I had to wait 45 minutes for the bathroom... no, never again!

Will the company stay in business one more season? A miracle if it does.

And yet, were you to ride that bus 12 months from now, chances are you'd meet up with the same folks just landing on El Al from Miami, El Al from Bangkok, El Al from Montreal, El Al from Rome.

How to explain this paradox? Are we a nation of masochists? I think not.

Taking my own experience as representative, let me analyze my long and rocky love affair with our national airline, going back to the historic date I uncramped for the first time from an El Al project to emerge into the perfumed Israeli night.

The flight had lasted the scheduled 17 hours, with a five-hour delay in Paris thrown in for good measure. But I was more forgiving of inconvenience then, and wrote in my travel diary, in my neat childish print: "There are many stars out tonight." My Israeli uncle waited hours outside Lod Airport for our family, leaning wearily against the wire

...will I fly El Al - except that I always do

fence, holding a bunch of wilted carnations.

Flowers are still on sale at Lod (now Ben-Gurion), and chances are that the carnations you buy today won't be wilted when you get off your El Al flight. But you may be too enraptured to notice.

EL AL has not aged any better than my old diary, the only difference being you can't hold an airline together with packing tape.

Yet since that maiden transatlantic hop in '59, El Al and I have been wedded to each other on the Tel-Aviv-New York route.

I have brought forth excuses for the lack of personal comfort, for the spotty service, like: "The whole world knows El Al pilots are the creme de la creme!

And security? The best - in case, God forbid, it should ever be needed. What matter minor bodily discomforts in the face of Greater Safety?"

And, yes, there was also that righteous feeling of "buying blue-and-white" back when the concept still carried a semblance of credibility.

Every time I fly, I vow to book another carrier. Then I remember that via European lines I will have to fly five hours to the Continent, cool my heels for half a day in their airport, then tack on another seven-hour flight. And as for TWA - the memory of Flight 800 is still too close for comfort.

Somehow, and despite everything, no matter where you want to go, El Al seems to be the one that can get you there fastest.

So, willy nilly, there I was again last week, grinding my teeth and boarding the El Al red-eye to New York. And do you know, I might have saved myself the advance aggravation: The flight was a dream.

Yes, the 400 over-demanding passengers teeming the impossible as their birthright were still there. But the service with a smile we received on Flight 001 would have put the Queen Mother to shame.

They say every nation gets the leaders it deserves. Maybe it gets the airline it deserves too.

El Al behaves as outrageously as its passengers - and, in rare instances, as outstandingly as they can.

So El Al and I have had a reconciliation. There'll be no divorce. The partnership goes on, for now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TUMULTUOUS MONARCHY

Sir, - The Israeli public seems not to have realized how much the recent behavior of both government and opposition is a consequence of the new Basic Law on the Prime Minister and the Government. For although the law was proposed in order to reinforce democracy, it has effectively turned Israel into a monarchy.

Admittedly, the monarch is elected for only four years at a time, but during that period he is endowed with truly monarchic powers. Members of his parliament may yearn to cut off his head, but they can do so only by cutting off many of their own heads too, whether in the resulting elections or already in the party primaries.

The governing coalition has been reduced to the role of courtiers who seek favors from the king by fawning upon him. Or, if that does not work, they can try throwing tantrums. For instance, they may refuse to participate in the ritual confirmations of the monarch's authority that take place on Friday mornings in the palace and on other afternoons in the parliament building.

As for the opposition, the law has turned it into court jesters, that is, totally powerless individuals who have been granted a license to address the king with gross rudeness. Amongst their vain insults is the claim that the latest deteriorations in Israeli political behavior are all the king's fault - confirming that in a monarchy everything is seen as emanating from the king - whereas fault should be ascribed to all those who agitated or voted for the basic law.

The sponsors of the basic law thought that they could reform a tumultuous democracy by changing the electoral process. They succeeded only in turning Israel into a tumultuous monarchy.

Future reformers might consider the following. The real problem is not the forms of government, but the tumultuous style in which Israelis participate in public life. Like other manifestations of the *yezzer hara*, this style cannot be eliminated, but only brought under better control. Laws alone cannot do this. Nor is the electoral process the best place to start.

MALCOLM LOWE
Jerusalem.

NURSING PROFESSION

Sir, - The article by attorney Helen Motro entitled "Nurse Barbie" (June 25) was one of the most offensive pieces to the profession of nursing I have ever read. Masked in the language of gender equality was the message that nursing is not a profession worthy of today's woman's aspirations. As a man who has worked in this profession for over 20 years, I was just as offended as any female nurse would be by this article.

Nursing, as a profession, has been responsible for some of the most important advances worldwide in public health in the 20th century. Without nursing the battles against tuberculosis and the spread of venereal diseases would have been lost. The midwives who have delivered hundreds of thousands of healthy babies are nurses. Our mother-and-child clinics, providing pre- and post-natal care to our mothers and babies are run primarily by nurses.

In the hospital, the story is the same. Without nursing, the operation performed by the "more important" woman doctor would be a failure as the patient goes from the surgeon in the operating room (supported by a highly skilled nursing staff by the way) to the recovery room - where the patient's survival now depends on skilled nursing care alone. After release from the recovery room, more skilled nursing care is necessary to ensure that the patient's recovery goes smoothly.

A professional nurse today can look forward, if desired, to earning a doctorate in nursing and many nurses currently have, or are studying to obtain, their master's degrees with the support of nursing administrators nationwide.

Under the guise of feminism, Ms. Motro perpetuates the myth that professions that have historically employed more women are of lower worth than those professions that have primarily employed men. This is one of the most anti-feminist statements that can be made and is one of the things true feminists are fighting. True feminists and humanists are fighting for recognition of each individual's contribution to a better society regardless of gender and their ability to choose to enter any profession regardless of gender.

STUART GOLDSTEIN
Ramat Yishai.

DANGEROUS WATERS

Sir, - On June 10, I was snorkeling at the Coral Beach reserve in Eilat. I went into the water off the bridge and snorkeled out about 100 meters in 10 meters of water. As I turned back the current became suddenly deadly dangerous. I tried to fight the current, but it was impossible to make headway; I felt myself being pulled out. I worked for at least 10 to 15 minutes; in that time I bade goodbye to all my children and grandchildren, husband and loved ones. I began to scream "Help me." At first no one heard me, then several visitors heard and swam to save me, risking their lives.

I know there is a notice in the reserve that you enter the water at your own risk. Nevertheless, this is an area visited by thousands of tourists and there should be a life-guard on duty, or minimally a system of flags to warn visitors not familiar with the local ocean currents.

The City of Eilat should take responsibility for its beaches and nature reserves so that deadly situations such as this may never recur.

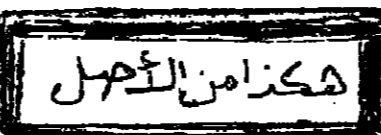
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Jerusalem.

SAME-SEX COUPLES

Sir, - I refer to the news report of June 20, "Conservative Movement condemns lesbian marriage ceremony." Rabbi Einat Ramon claims that, although the Conservative Movement recognized the rights of the gay community, it would be a mistake to make such a marriage a norm.

With all due respect, I consider this statement to be hypocritical. In my view, same-sex couples have the right to choose whether to validate their relationship or not, and if they choose to do so, they are free to select the method - a religiously oriented ceremony or a civil one. Moreover, I view this right as being no less important than other rights that same-sex couples have.

RAZ JOSEPH
Beersheba.



BOOK REVIEW

By ANITA FINKEL

GODDESS: Martha Graham's Dancers Remember by Robert Tracy. Littlelight Editions. 323 pp.

Calling a book about Martha Graham "Goddess" rather than the more obvious "Priestess" is attention-grabbing, Graham; the leader of the modern dance movement from the 1930s through the 1960s, never dubbed herself a goddess as Robert Tracy does here. But there is a rationale in his title. His book is a compilation of interviews and reflections about Graham by dancers who worked with her throughout the decades. To these people, Graham was a goddess.

Anyone looking for a comprehensive overview of Graham's life and achievement on the scale of Agnes de Mille's magisterial *Martha* will not find it here. What they will find, however, are snippets of memory and impressions meaningful to those who cherish Graham and her world.

Individual observers vary in their astuteness and reliability. Connoisseurs should turn immediately to the chapters on Matt Turney and Robert Cohan, both of whom saw what was going on around them with great perspicacity. About Martha's first solo "The Ancestress," Turney comments: "My Ancestress' role never worked. ... Martha was very dissatisfied after the first rehearsal. Mostly she used the old directors' tactic: destroy (the performer) emotionally in order to break through to another level."

For Cohan, a New Yorker who took the Graham legacy to London, it was love at first exposure, and a sharp perspective on Graham herself: "Martha was able to be everything for you: man, woman, director. She could initiate any movement she gave you as a man. For instance, the men's movements in 'Letter to the World.' She did them and she looked more male than any of us - stronger, more masculine." The nebulous, technically undefined role of the male dancer in the Graham company was a struggle

Goddess of dance



Martha Graham: Letter to the World, 1940.

(Barbara Morgan)

for virtually every distinguished dancer who entered the company, from Merce Cunningham to Paul Taylor.

Cunningham observes: "I was more prone to use my legs primarily than Graham ... what I kept seeing were those women able to do all those shapes on the floor with their legs." For Paul Taylor: "With Martha he-men were the equivalent of a male Barbie Doll. We were sick-like

figures who were basically sex objects."

The most controversial male in the Graham repertory was her husband, Erick Hawkins, with whom she eventually feuded. Among the women of Graham's early group, Hawkins - the first male dancer to be engaged - was hated and resented. "It was very difficult for me," Hawkins sums up. "Martha blacklisted me for I don't know how many years

when I couldn't perform at the American Dance Festival. I was shut out of Juilliard. It is really a tribute to one's talent that one could transcend all that and come out strong. I almost didn't survive Martha Graham." In Graham's later years, she relinquished roles to other women and promoted Ron Protas, a dance neophyte who later saved her from alcoholism. "Martha sold her soul to

Protas," observes Jane Dudley, who calls him "His Royal Nibs." In the end *Goddess* never struggles with the critical issue of the Graham "oeuvre" and how it will be judged by future generations. In the end, Yuriko's words stand out as a tribute to her: "No one could duplicate what Martha Graham did, even when she couldn't dance." (The Baltimore Sun)

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Macbeth

By Sam Orbaum

At first it seemed like much ado about nothing: as Pamela Peled was preparing a lecture on *Macbeth*, she was struck by the similarities between Duncan's assassination and Yitzhak Rabin's, which had just occurred that day.

A year and a half later, the Kfar Sava Shakespeareologist thought again about how unfolded both world and stage, and she found herself bethump'd with words.

Macbeth, Duncan's "kinsman and subject" ("and people do not kill their own"), knows that the assassination of their leader, "who hath borne his faculties so meek," would cause such distress in the country that "heaven's cherubim ... shall blow the horrid deed in every eye, that tears shall drown the wind."

Macbeth is spurred on to his evil deed by a coven of witches, cackling their ghoulish words into his eager ears. "One can almost visualize black-robed elders, swaying in fervent devotion, chanting the words 'rodef, rodef, rodef' as Yigal Amir and his ilk listen mesmerized." (Peled's words, not Shakespeare's.)

Macbeth wants to believe some supernatural force is leading him on. Rabin's slayer knew God was on his side. Mind you, at least Macbeth suffered some qualms.

With Labor's love lost, the

Lady Macbeth, his 'dearest partner in greatness.' She is like a snort of snuff for his wimpiness. "Screw your courage to the sticking-place, and we'll not fail."

She is at his side at banquets, at business meetings and affairs of state. He sleeps her everywhere.

Here's where it gets good. "Lady Macbeth has one problem, however. She has a cleanliness fetish. (Go on, smile, it's good for you.) She is obsessed with washing her hands, even rubbing at them in the dark with the haunted injunction 'out, damned spot! Out, I say!'"

With a bit of creative editing, we ingeniously cleave her neurosis to the peace process: "Will these hands ne'er be clean? ... Here's the smell of the blood still; all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand. Oh! Oh! Oh!" At this point, Peled indulges in talmudic interpretation.

"We are not told how long Macbeth sits on the Scottish throne, raising the question: how long does it take a leader to ruin a country?"

"By the end of his rule, chaos reigns. 'Alas poor country!' Ross laments. 'Almost afraid to know itself! It cannot be called our mother but our grave, where nothing but who knows nothing is once seen to smile; Where smiles and groans, and shrieks that rent the

'Macbeth tastes power and likes it. He is lucky: the new king did not have to present a government to his voters, or reward his longtime associates.'

Israeli Left ends up pretty much where Duncan's heirs did; Macbeth, and Binyamin Netanyahu, take power. (You have to allow for some literary license here, transmuting Netanyahu into one of the "murdering ministers," which Leah Rabin might like to believe. Peled does not get into that: "Amir didn't want to rule, but cast his vote for the successor.") "Macbeth tastes power and likes it," quoth Peled. "He does not want to be beholden to any former allies. He is lucky: the new king did not have to present a government to his voters, or reward his longtime associates."

Not unlike Netanyahu, who assumed unchallenged power as the first directly-elected PM. Forsooth, "I have bought golden opinions from all sorts of people." "No sooner does he sit down on his throne, than he starts planning their downfall. Banquo is eradicated. Macduff is next in line. Everyone is spying on everyone else."

"He [Macbeth? Netanyahu?] doesn't trust his friends. He doesn't have friends. His natural allies have turned against him. Distrust and fear rule the land."

Well, things ain't exactly peachy nowadays, are they? "But Macbeth forges gaily along, buttressed by his wife.

air, are made, not marked; where violent sorrow seems a modern ecstasy."

The Scottish people can't keep up with it all. Every week a new scandal. Confusion has set in.

"Macbeth himself sees that things are not going according to plan. He admits to his wife that he can't eat his meal in peace, and sleeps in the affliction of terrible dreams. He carries on, regardless, for another two acts."

Alas, we are not privy to Bibi's dreams, but it's a fair guess that these days he doesn't coo in his sleep. We may be comforted that Shakespeare always resolves matters with some measure of satisfaction. "Tragic heroes die but their goodness lives on. King Lear dies, but England is reunited. Hamlet is stabbed, but order returns to Denmark. In Scotland, at the end of *Macbeth*, peace is restored."

Is Peled's theory supported by the Bard himself? Is this a case of two truths are told, as happy prologues to the swelling act of the imperial theme?"

Or maybe, as Macbeth said about life itself, this is "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Perhaps we shall know tomorrow. Or tomorrow. Or tomorrow.

Scanners identify voice and eyes

By DAVID E. KALISH

Forgot your bank card? No problem. The automated teller machine pans a camera across your eyeballs to verify your identity. Checking out of work? Just press your palm on the surface, and your hours are clocked.

What sounds like high-tech fantasy is starting to show up in real life, giving rise to a new class of futuristic gadgets that can scan a person's eyes, hands or voice and instantly verify the person's identity.

Among other uses, the "biometric identity" devices are being tested in automated teller machines as a substitute for plastic bank cards and personal identification numbers.

The trend is driven by improvements in technology that are pushing down costs, as well as by heightened fears about security. Indeed, the highly publicized slaying of a US schoolteacher, apparently for his bank-card number, has emphasized the need for a better method for screening bank-account holders.

"I think it's going to make people think a little bit more about security," said Erik Bowman, an industry analyst with *Personal*

Identification News, a US-based industry newsletter. "Biometrics is a way to solve that."

Demand for the scanning devices, while still small, is growing rapidly. Up to \$25 million in biometric identity devices are expected to be sold this year, up 45 percent from 1996, according to *Personal Identification News*. That is expected to double by 1999.

A variety of factors are at work. Improvements in technology are driving down prices for the devices, making them more affordable to banks and other security-conscious businesses. And word is spreading about the benefits at a time of heightened concern about flaws in traditional methods such as ATM bank cards.

New technology that uses sophisticated scanning devices to identify people, instead of bank cards and PIN numbers, is aimed at thwarting crime.

Currently being tested by Citicorp and other banks is a gadget developed by Sensar Inc. that enables an ATM to read a person's iris to verify their identity.

Sensar's IrisIdent system uses special cameras to scan the cardholder's face. A computer process-

es the image and reduces its components to digital code, figuring out which part of the face is actually the iris. The code for the iris and all its unique physical characteristics - representing everything from color to tiny indentations in

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the tissue - is matched against a database of codes for all cardholders. No match, no transaction.

Sensar says it's signed a \$42 million contract with Tokyo's Oki Electric Industry to develop the technology for ATMs in Japan, starting in test markets in the second half of this year. In addition, Citicorp has invested \$3 million in

Sensar and is testing the technology for use in ATMs in the US, said Tom Drury, president and chief executive of Sensar.

An advantage of Sensar over other gadgets is that a person can stand up to a meter away from the camera to be identified, unlike technology that requires people to touch a sensor, such as fingerprint identification systems.

"You don't want to see people at ATMs having to put their finger in a hole," Drury said. "The real underlying issue is ease of use and related accuracy."

Not surprisingly, sensing devices first found a market in companies and government agencies concerned about security. The business market is growing fast. Already, companies such as Coca-Cola and American Airlines are using Recognition Systems' hand-recognition technology for some employees instead of time cards and security badges. The devices "read" a hand's characteristics, such as size of knuckles and width, to identify employees.

Several banks are testing the product for ATMs, according to Scott Grabowski, a sales manager at the California-based Recognition

Autistics are communicating in cyberspace

By HARVEY BLUME

Despite the diverse accounts of autism in books like Oliver Sacks's *An Anthropologist on Mars: Seven Paradoxical Tales*, the prevailing image of the autistic today is probably still that of the rocking child, prone to tantrums and averse to touch, or of an adult like the character Dustin Hoffman played in the movie *Rain Man*, who can instantaneously multiply large numbers in his head, but cannot connect with other people or take care of himself.

Yet anyone who explores the subject on the Internet quickly discovers an altogether different side of autism. In cyberspace, many of the United States' autistics are doing the very thing the syndrome supposedly deters them from doing - communicating - often in celebration of the medium that enables them to do so.

"Long live the Internet," one autistic recently exulted in an online discussion, where "people can see the real me, not just how I interact superficially with other people." Another explained why she prefers online to face-to-face interaction: "Ordinarily," she wrote to other members of her e-

mail forum, "the giving of support involves being with someone, and that's always draining for me. If someone does give me support in person, I will have to spend some time recovering from the experience of receiving that support."

Both writers subscribe to *Independent Living*, a suite of e-mail forums created by and almost exclusively for autistics.

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Topics addressed by *Independent Living* (whose World Wide Web page can be found at <http://www.inlv.demon.nl/>) include jobs, hobbies, "sexuality and being different," and the recurrent question of how to relate to what the autistics refer to as neurologically typical people - or "NTs" in the community's parlance.

In a sense, autistics are constituting themselves as a new immigrant group online, sailing to strange neurological shores on the Internet, and exchanging information about how to behave upon arrival.

They want to be able to blend in, to pass, and are intently studying the ways of the natives in order to do so.

One recent *Independent Living* discussion, for example, was devoted to figuring out when NTs look into each other's eyes during conversation. The consensus was that the usual thing is to make eye contact when beginning

speech and when concluding, but that eye contact in between is optional.

Yet in trying to come to terms with an NT-dominated world, autistics are neither willing nor able to give up their own customs.

Instead, they are proposing a new social compact, one emphasizing neurological pluralism. The consensus emerging from the Internet forums and Web sites where autistics congregate (a good starting point is the On The Same Page site at <http://amug.org/a203/index.html>) is that NT is only one of many neurological

configurations - the dominant one certainly, but not necessarily the best.

As a rule of thumb, it might be said that what NTs do intuitively, autistics can accomplish only with great effort, if at all - and vice versa. For example, neurologically-typical people assess each other's mental states by noting small changes in voice, eyes and facial expressions. Yet this is as non-intuitive an activity for most autistics as, say, long multiplication is for most NTs.


This was brought home to me, an NT, when I asked an autistic e-mail correspondent, who is mordantly expressive online, what it would be like to meet. Not so good, he replied, indicating that personal contact confounds more than it informs.

"Reading faces," he wrote, "is like looking into a rippling pond. I am too distracted by the edges, glints of light, to make much out of it."

The impact of the Internet on autistics may one day be compared in magnitude to the spread of sign language among the deaf. By filtering out the sensory overload that impedes communication among autistics, the Internet opens vast new opportunities for exchange. (New York Times)

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REVIEWS

in brief

Concerts

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra deserves an unqualified "bravo" for presenting Bartok's masterpiece *Duke Bluebeard's Castle* in its Subscription Concert No. 8, conducted by Ivan Fischer from Hungary.

The human tragedy of Bluebeard, compelled to renounce his hopeless quest for unconditional love, is described musically in this one-act opera by a mounting sense of menace and horror, tension and incessantly changing tone. These are expressed by the orchestra with immense intensity. Bass Kolos Kovacs's representation of the tortured, pleading, compassion-evoking Bluebeard was dignified and profoundly disturbing. Marta Lukin's dramatic mezzo-soprano expressed a wide emotional range, from love to determinedness. This was a spellbinding performance.

Olli Mustonen's rendition of Grieg's *Piano Concerto* was different from any previous interpretations of the work that one can recall. This freshness of approach was, however, marred by a lack of spontaneity. It often seemed as if the music was merely a vehicle for Mustonen's (albeit brilliant) virtuosic display. Priority was clearly given to the performer and not the composer.

Classics from East and West, a JSO concert at the Rebecca Crown Hall in collaboration with the Center for Classical Oriental Music and Dance, was an odd affair which left a taste of missed opportunity. It opened with Shimon Cohen's eclectic *Jerusalem Sketches* in an indifferent performance by the JSO. The next number epitomized both the good intentions and absurdity of the whole enterprise: belly dance to the sounds of Paganini. Dancer Abigail Klein and violinist Batsheva Savaldi-Kolberg were great in their respective fields, but belly-dancing and Paganini don't make natural bed-fellows.

Yehuda Schreier (guitar) offered a lackluster rendition of Tarrega's *Capricho Arabe*, which in other circumstances might have become the highlight of the evening as the classic example of the East-through-the-Westerner's-eyes opus.

Paradise for tar and orchestra, by Dagestan-born researcher and composer Peretz Eliahu, was intriguing and sounded authentic; the twang of Shlomo Tahalov's tar was pure. Akhmad Fuad Khassan's violin playing had its beautiful moments and Avraham Salzman's kanun playing was interesting, if somewhat monotonous.

Marsel Mussari's crossover to the classics was not a good idea - her *Stabat Mater* by Pergolesi was embarrassing. It was only Violetta Salame who managed to ignite the house with her sensual rendition of *Om Kolthom* songs.

Ury Eppstein

Maxim Reider

Festival



Ti-fer: Cajun sounds, British accents

There were fireworks - literally - at the Jacob's Ladder Folk Festival at Gan Hashlosha at the weekend. Organizers Menahem and Yehudit Vinegrad arranged for a colorful display of the "rockets" red glare on Friday night to mark the Fourth of July. Some falling fireworks started a small fire near the automobile park and the fire brigade had to be called, but happily no real damage was done. The music was also a blast, with three overseas visitors on the Friday night's main stage.

The UK-based, five-person Ti-Fer band produced rollicking, footstomping cajun music although their broad British accents somewhat muffled the French dialect in the songs. The two American duos, Cathy Fink and Marcey Marcer, and Mike and Kelley Stein, treated the large crowd who braved the heat-wave to some of the finest music in Jacob's Ladder's 22-year history. Both acts could be compared favorably to the legendary Tom Paxton, who sang at the same venue three years ago.

The Israelis did not let down the side, either. Yael Deckelbaum, Mouni Arnon and the Monitors, Black Velvet and Celtic Camel all contributed to a great gig.

The only possible gripe could be directed at the late start, which resulted in Celtic Camel and Snokkin' Gun having to take the stage after 2 a.m. The organizers blamed the delay, a perennial hitch at the festival, on problems involved in setting the balance for the many groups.

A possible solution would simply be to schedule fewer sets on the main stage. Acts "relegated" to a day stage would have no reason to be miffed. Most of the "day" performances ran to a high standard and this, too, contributed to an enjoyable weekend of music that more than made up for the disappointing condition of the swimming pools and the awful July heat of the Jezreel Valley.

Joel Gordin

Theater

Pie in the sky hasn't lost its appeal and dreams still get broken, says the Beersheba Theater production of Clifford Odets's *Awake and Sing*. Odets wrote it in 1935, two years after the New Deal went into effect, but he set it in 1932, the worst year of the Great Depression.

The Bergers are a working-class Bronx Jewish family who are kept from dire poverty by a grudging handout from wealthy elder brother Morty, deftly characterized by Ami Traub. Grandpa Jacob (Shlomo Bar-Shavit), with his talk of revolution, brotherhood and Marx, epitomizes pie in the sky. Daughter Henny's pregnancy and shotgun marriage are a metaphor for the fragility of dreams.

Director Rami Danon has adhered scrupulously to the period, thereby underscoring the play's local and contemporary resonance. Danon has been less successful with the actors, most of whom never progress beyond a single dimension.

The exceptions are Bar-Shavit and Hanna Roth, who plays the mother, Bessie. Bar-Shavit plays old Jacob with a touching desperation, and more genuine feeling than I have seen from him in years. Roth's Bessie is achingly human, and that is the play's final message. Humanity survives.

Helen Kaye

IN TUNE



For all its popularity here and in Britain, Prodigy fails to live up to its name.

One-chord wonders

By DAVID BRINN

Touted as the one unifying force in the late '90s, bringing techno, rap and rock into a cohesive whole, Prodigy in fact manages to make a shambles of each genre.

Fat of the Land, No. 1 in this week's Tower charts (see box below) has to be one of the vilest, one-dimensional discs released this year. Without a headful of Ecstasy, the album's 10 tracks offer nothing besides jittery trance rhythms providing the base for one-chord songs that compete with each other for the level of boredom they induce.

The only variations are provided by outsiders, with Kula Shaker's Crispin Mills contributing to *Narayan* and a spirited cover of L7's *Fuel My Fire* closing the dismal set.

Local heroes here and adored in their native Britain, Liam Howlett and company will not disappoint fans with this one, and will probably convert some tone-deaf rock fans in the process. But if this is the future of rock 'n' roll, then the past has never looked so good.

FOR a more optimistic take on the future, check out *Winston Rock*, a 15-track compilation by an organization devoted to the advancement of young Israeli rock bands.

Overseen by local rock guru Yoav Kutner, the compilation has some outstanding songs, provided

THE FAT OF THE LAND

Prodigy (Bellcon)

WINSTON ROCK

Various Artists (Nana Disc)

YOUNG MOTHERS

Ice Nine (NMC)

ALLURE

Allure (NMC)

STILL CLIMBING

Brownstone (NMC)

by bands like Jingo, Young Psychopath and Tractor's Revenge, as well as from old hands Rami Fortis and Barr Sakharov.

Recommended for the modern rock lover looking for a local angle.

THE DEBUT single by the young Israeli band Ice Nine (taken from a Kurt Vonnegut novel) is also a breath of power-pop fresh air.

Young Mothers, with its driving beat and jangly guitars, will sound just fine on a transistor radio at the beach this summer, the criterion for any great song.

HEY gals, you too can form a successful rock group! Just follow these easy steps: (1) get a bunch of very attractive women who can say "oooh, ooooh baby" in lots of different ways; (2) get the wife of the PR director of a

major international label to befriend you; (3) get lots of other famous rap stars to let you lift stuff from their successful songs; (4) even get them to cameo on your debut album, and (5) get a classy production team (Crave/Track Masters) who can compensate for your lack of talent by limitless studio tricks. It's easy!

Well, it was for Allure, whose MTV-ready looks round out this plastic packaged insta-hit that is as transparent as shrink wrap and not nearly as handy.

BROWNSTONE'S second release, *Still Climbing*, uses some of the same tricks employed by Allure, but with much better results. First, this trio really can sing, and they claim that it took only one song, performed a cappella, for Brownstone to be signed to MJJ Music.

Indeed, with the backing of Michael Jackson, who co-produced their album, theirs is a collection of songs that are a joy to listen to. An interesting mixture by New Orleans-born Mimi, Detroit-born Nicci and Guyana-born Maxee, their versatile voices take turns leading, complimenting and unifying to create an intriguing album. All come from less-than-opulent backgrounds, giving their music a feeling of unpretentiousness. There's a little rap influence, but for the most part, it's weaker, AM-esque side is mollified by the musical talents these ladies display.

King David's lament

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Although 66-year-old Chilean-born Israeli composer Leon Schidlowsky is not a great believer in competitions, he was tempted when the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra announced a special competition to celebrate its 60th anniversary. Schidlowsky wrote *Absalom*, a 20-minute opus that has won the first prize in the competition and will thus be premiered by the IPO under music director Zubin Mehta later this week.

"I was tempted like St. Anthony," Schidlowsky recalls. Competitions might help young composers but I am as old as my people." And he adds, "I had no idea my work had actually reached the final stages of the competition. It was an anonymous competition and I came to the final round just by chance. Of course I am not unhappy that my piece won the first prize."



Leon Schidlowsky: A big fan of Arnold Schoenberg

er Amnon when he finds out that he has raped the sister Tamar. Absalom was a very popular man and although he was eventually defeated in the war between him and his father, King David, the king did not want his son killed. His soldiers thought differently though, and so the story ends with the father's lament over his dead son.

He explains that "adagio sections with strings and chimes" represent "the tears of the father who laments his dead son."

Schidlowsky's life is an ongoing mixture of teaching and composing. "I cannot live without writing music. I live for it, music is my life and I will continue to write until my very last moment."

As for teaching, "it is my duty. I like to teach but for me teaching does not mean showing the students how good I am. Teaching is a mission in which I try to give the students how much they need and help them find out how to express themselves."

Does Schidlowsky write in a specific Israeli style? "There is no typical Israeli style of music or any other national style, for that matter, in this day and age when information moves swiftly all over the world. Of course there are ways to confront the Israeli reality but I don't believe in all the so-called Mediterranean music that was written here. For me the greatest Jewish composer is Arnold Schoenberg and I can trace in his music a very clear influence from the world of Kabbala. Maybe he was unconscious of it at the time, but he became very conscious of it later on."

The IPO plays Schidlowsky's *Absalom* at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv this Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Tinseltown's novel approach

By JOHN HORN

The words "literary" and "Hollywood" fit together about as well as "subtle" and "Schwarzenegger" or "sportsmanship" and "boxing." For most movie producers, novels by John Grisham, Tom Clancy and Michael Crichton suffice: shallow plots, one-dimensional characters, and not too many big words or concepts.

Yet on the heels of the hits *Sense and Sensibility* and *The English Patient*, the industry is rethinking its reading habits.

A deluge of well-regarded books - including Rick Moody's *The Ice Storm*, Russell Banks's *The Sweet Hereafter* and E. Annie Proulx's *The Shipping News* - are now flowing to the screen.

More noteworthy, Hollywood's major studios are jumping on a literary bandwagon ordinarily steered only by independent companies. Warner Bros. has made James Ellroy's *L.A. Confidential* (US opening September 19), the Walt Disney Co. will release Jane Smiley's *A Thousand Acres* (also September 19), Universal is developing David Guterson's *Snow Falling on Cedars* and 20th Century Fox is adapting Mona Simpson's *Anywhere But Here*.

"It's never been easy to make a literary novel into a movie," says literary agent Bonnie Nadel. "But it's easier than it used to be."

The boom is not limited to novels. Among the accomplished nonfiction books heading to the screen are John Berendt's *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, Jonathan Har's *A Civil Action*, Hunter S. Thompson's *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* and Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes*.

"There are filmmakers, producers and studio executives interested in telling good stories," says Rob Scheidlinger, whose Omnibus production company is adapting Honoré de Balzac's *Cousin Bette* for Fox Searchlight. "When we talk about artistic novels, we're talking about originality. There's nothing like *Cousin Bette*."

Given the rash of high-priced underachievers dotting the summer landscape (*Speed 2: Cruise*

Control, *Batman and Robin*), the literary work-ups deliver relatively low-cost plots: It's one thing to demolish a Caribbean port or freeze Gotham City, another to film an angst-ridden family quarrel over supper.

Good novels generally yield good scripts - full of the sharply drawn, complicated characters real actors covet and will play for a song. Hence, the modestly budgeted *Ice Storm* (US opening October 10) features Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and Joan Allen.



Blockbusters like 'Speed 2,' starring Sandra Bullock, may be going out of fashion.

Similarly, Peter Carey's *Oscar and Lucinda* (US opening November 14) is headed by Ralph Fiennes. *A Thousand Acres* stars Jessica Lange, Michelle Pfeiffer and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

Best sellers have built-in movie audiences. They also have built-in movie critics. Many readers of *Little Women* have an exact picture of how the movie should look. Problem is, all those pictures are different: Please one reader and you disappoint another.

Either way, Hollywood invariably turns ambiguous, even depressing stories into tidy, upbeat tales: Frumpy characters are played by drop-dead bombshells, dowdy slob by chiseled leading men. (AP)

COMMENT

Storm in a concert hall

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

At the premiere of Stravinsky's *Le Sacre du Printemps*, in 1913, the audience boomed and hissed at the composer. This powerful opus about a primordial tribe offering human sacrifice to the powers of nature was much too harsh for the ears of the audience.

If I were maestro Zubin Mehta, I would have kicked up a storm at the performance of this work on July 3 at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. As soon as the piece opened to the deeply visceral, almost primeval, sounds of this glorious opus, the sound of a cellular phone could be heard in the auditorium. Mehta chose to disregard this interruption, but I was ready to cry out "Enough!"

When will concert goers realize that they behave in a more barbaric way than the ancient tribes who practiced human sacrifice on a daily basis? Cellular phones could be the kiss of death of art on the eve of the next millennium. Maybe they should be confiscated at the entrance to the concert hall and be returned after the performance.

If I were Mehta I would also have been offended by the response of the audience at the end of the evening. After an elec-

trifying concert, in which the orchestra was in superb form and which Mehta conducted in a ravishing and riveting manner, there was nothing more than a short polite applause.

Even Itzhak Perlman's glorious rendition of the Elgar violin concerto, in the first part of the evening, received less than overwhelming applause. He was not even encouraged to play an encore.

What is happening to the Israeli mentality? Are we really so jaded that even the concert-going experience has turned into a very short escape that cannot be extended beyond its relatively short boundaries? Music and art give added value to our society. If we allow our daily stresses to penetrate these sacred minutes at the concert hall, then we will singlehandedly destroy art in general and classical music in particular.

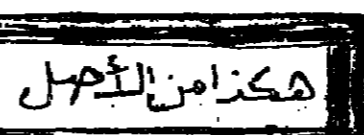
In Europe, music lovers tend to applaud for 15 minutes after each concert. Why can't it be the same here?

After all, the level of performance from Perlman, Mehta and the IPO is one of the highest music-lovers can experience. Has it really become that mundane for us? I sincerely hope not, because if it has, there is no point in even entering the concert hall.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS LAST WEEKS ON		WEEK WEEK CHARTS		ARTIST	TITLE
#1	2	2		PRODIGY	FAT OF THE LAND
#2	NEW1	1		VIA	HITMAN 8
#3	4	8		MICHAEL JACKSON	BLOOD ON THE
#4	NEW1	1		RAMI KLEINSTEIN	KOL-SHETRITZI
#5	RE	1		OST	SPACE JAM
#6	1	3		TEA PACKS	NESHUKA LADOD
#7	3	3		RADIOHEAD	O.K. COMPUTER
#8	6	8		SUEDE	COMING UP
#9	8	21		YEHUDA POLKER	LIVE
#10	NEW1	1		EVAL GOLAN	HOUSE OF AGNOSIA
#11	7	8		RITA	WITHOUT YOU
#12	10	67		HANSON	COLLECTION
#13	13	5		VIA	MIDDLE OF NOWHERE
#14	5	3		VIA	JE T'AME
#15	11	34		SPICE GIRLS	SPICE

Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week



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TASE ROUNDUP

Israeli shares end higher as Mishtanim passes 300

Mishtanim 302.77 ▲ 1.39% Maof 309.47 ▲ 1.51%

By DAN GENSTENFELD 1.51 percent higher at 309.47.

Shares rose yesterday, carrying the Mishtanim index above 300 points for the first time ever. The benchmark Mishtanim index of the top 100 shares rose 1.39 percent, or 4.14 points, to 302.77 on all-share turnover of NIS 210 million against NIS 151m. shekels on Sunday. The Maof 25 blue chip index closed

1.51 percent higher at 309.47. Analysts said the rise was unconnected to the appointment of Ya'acov Ne'eman as finance minister.

"I don't think today's gains were the result of the Ne'eman appointment," said Gidi Halpern of Meitav Investments and Securities. "If Sharon had been appointed, the market would have gone down. But Ne'eman didn't boost it."

"Ne'eman's appointment is only one part of a much bigger picture. The market wanted to rise but the political uncertainty and the shekel's volatility prevented it from rising. Now the shekel is sta-

bilizing and it seems that the government survived this crisis," said Julian Assous at Sahar Securities. Halpern said the market was "good but not strong," pointing to low demand in the morning leader and declining turnovers to the NIS 150m. to NIS 170m. level a day this week from NIS 250m. daily two weeks ago.

Koor Industries, the most active share, surged 4.75 percent to 33,159 agrot on volume of NIS 13.1m. Other active shares included Bank Hapoalim which gained 1% to 779 agrot on turnover of NIS 9.4m., and Bank Leumi which rose 1% to 568 agrot on turnover of NIS 7.9m. (Reuters)

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NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

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DAX breaks 4,000

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - Germany's DAX index surged in late dealings to break the psychologically important 4,000 point level as a firmer dollar and Wall Street gains gave the German market fresh energy as uncertainty evaporated.

The DAX-30 index closed at 3,972.84, up 30.31 points, or 0.77%. In later screen-based trade the IBIS DAX index ended at 4,003.35, up 56.62 points, or 1.43%.

LONDON - London's FTSE 100 ended nearly unchanged yesterday, as a strong start on Wall Street helped lift British shares from an initial deficit, dealers said. The FTSE 100 closed at 4,810.7, down 2.1 points, or 0.04 percent.

PARIS - Shares closed 0.45% higher after a weaker start as a stronger Wall Street cancelled out the effect of an easier dollar, brokers

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

Table listing other market indexes with columns for index name, last price, and change.

WALL STREET REPORT

NY stocks end mostly lower

NEW YORK (AP) - Big-name technology shares led the Nasdaq market to another 'new high', but stocks ended mostly lower yesterday as investors secured some profits from last week's record-setting advance.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 37 points to about 7,858, having surrendered an early 55-point gain that put the blue-chip barometer above 7,900 for the first time and within 50 points of the 8,000 mark.

Most broad market measures also turned negative after pushing further into record territory during the morning, bolstered by another surge

in the bond market, where long-term interest rates fell to their lowest level since February.

The Dow was pressured throughout the session by American Express, which gave back more than half of Thursday's nearly 7-point gain.

There were no major economic reports yesterday to steer the market. According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 37.32 to 7,858.49. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,475 up, 1,416 down and 536 unchanged.

US COMMODITIES

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Major League Statistics (Through Friday's games)

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Ah, the All-Star game. Time to sit back and enjoy those neat matchups we only get to see once a year, like Randy Johnson vs. John Kruk or Pete Rose vs. Ray Fosse. That's always been a beauty of baseball's summer showcase...



SHOOTING BLANKS — Toronto's Roger Clemens shuts out Yanks for complete-game win.

Lucky 13th for Roger Clemens

TORONTO (AP) — Roger Clemens became the American League's first 13-hitter Sunday as he pitched a four-hitter shutout against the Toronto Blue Jays...

Sports Editors: Joseph Hoffman and Ori Lewis

London Calling

Tim and Greg, the usual horizontal heavyweights

By Mark Rivlin

When the former British heavyweight boxer Brian London was given a particularly severe lesson by Mohammed Ali (then Cassius Clay) in 1966, the press coined the phrase "horizontal heavyweight" which was to become the trademark of future British sporting embarrassments in years to come.

But this summer, we thought there was a ray of hope on the horizon with an improved performance in the Ashes, England's heightened form in football, the British Lions superb victory in South Africa, cyclist Chris Boardman leading the Tour de France after the first time trial, and Tim (Henman) and Greg (Rusedski), the best British double act since Morecombe and Wise, conquering all before them at Wimbledon.

All that is, until quarter finals day, when the dynamic duo were unceremoniously dumped out of the men's singles by Michael Stich and Cedric Pioline respectively. Rusedski, of course, is not exactly your Sunday-roast-and-two-veg-British. Having been brought up in Canada, where he learned his tennis, he is presumably more in tune with the vagaries of the Stanley, rather than the FA Cup, and one can imagine his chosen minority sport is curling, and certainly not darts. Before the match with Pioline, Rusedski did his very best to come over as your average English rosy-cheeked chappie saying the usual stuff about how the Wimbledon crowd were worth a game's start. After he was beaten in four sets, the rosy cheeks were slightly redder.

True grit, (or true Brit) Henman was the real partisans' favorite. Rusedski had rediscovered his roots but Henman, with mum and dad looking remarkably similar to Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson in the classic *Brief Encounter* pose as they watched from the gallery, was all English. Before the match with Stich, a German to boot, we had TV crews dispatched to his Oxfordshire village to seek out the views of the regulars in the local pub. "Oh, we are so proud of our Tim, he's just a local boy at heart" was the general order of consensus. By evening, Henman was another horizontal heavyweight, despite valiant attempts by the Wimbledon faithful to put Stich off his stride by the occasional ad libbed "come on Tim" as Stich threw up the ball to serve.

By Friday, the BBC hardly made a passing shot at the world's greatest tennis tournament - why should they, there were no Brits left to scream and shout about. The cruel irony was that our national terrestrial broadcaster went in search of national pride and glory to Old Trafford where a certain Shane Warne was rediscovering his ability to bemuse the English batsmen.

It's July, so the football season must be approaching.

In the good old days, players would pack up in May and turn up in August for a bit of light training leaving eloquent football journalists to while away the summer months in a drunken stupor on the Costa del Sol. But now, with transfer mania seemingly a round-the-year sporting event, the tabloids are on summer duty.

This week, most teams report back for training, in fact some already have and there was a notable absentee from the Middlesbrough back-to-school gathering in the form of Fabrizio Ravanelli. The Italian did not present himself for the first term's class register as Boro came back for training on Thursday and his parents will have had to think up a damn good excuse in their note to teacher as to why their darling little boy was playing truant. There was no sore throat or bruised shin, the reality is that as one of the world's top strikers, Ravanelli will not have relished the prospect of turning out on a cold November night at such exotic places as Crewe and Stockport now that Middlesbrough are playing in the First Division. We can expect Ravanelli to be transferred to a Liverpool or Manchester fee-paying school.

One player who will be turning out for Middlesbrough is Paul Merson. The 29-year-old Arsenal midfielder, who has been with the club since the age of 14, was sold for £4.5 million at the weekend. Merson is reported to be extremely upset by the decision of manager Arsene Wenger to let him go. The player told reporters on Saturday that his 15 years at the club had been brushed aside in a matter of 15 minutes. Wenger had told him he had received an offer which for the player's age, was too good to turn down.

There are rumors around Highbury that part of the fee for Merson will go towards setting a better salary package for Dennis Bergkamp. Arsenal are also embroiled in a protracted dispute with their local council, Islington, about extending the capacity of Highbury to 50,000. The current 38,000 capacity is not able to meet demand for tickets. Arsenal want to extend the south and west stands, but local residents in what is quite an upmarket area of north London have protested that such refurbishment will block views of the skyline.

Naturally, local pubs and businesses are in favor of an extension, but the reality is that on match days, this area of north London is gridlocked and the club are considering a move to a site near the M25 in Essex. Somehow, it just does not feel right, no Paul Merson and no Highbury. What will they think of next? A Brit winning Wimbledon?

Australians buoyant after levelling Ashes series

MANCHESTER (Reuters) - Australia claimed to have taken a psychological and mathematical advantage after routing England by 268 runs in the third Test at Old Trafford yesterday.

The teams are now level at one match each, with three to play. But England, grateful to hold out for a draw in the rain-affected second test at Lord's, have lost much of the confidence and momentum they gained by winning all three one-day internationals and then the first Test at Edgbaston.

"We're in control because we hold the Ashes," said Australian captain Mark Taylor. "We played the better cricket at Lord's and now we've won here."

"If we keep playing like we have been, we're going to be very hard to beat." But perhaps keen not to tempt fate, he added: "I think England are capable of bouncing back. The momentum changed after the first test and could do again." Taylor said that he was not concerned about his own form despite failing in both innings, and that he hoped Michael Bevan could also use the county games before the next test in two-and-a-half weeks time to make some runs.

Women set new nat'l marks in javelin, hammer

Two women's field records were broken last night in the second day of the 61st Israel Athletics Championships at Hadar Yosef Stadium in Tel Aviv.

Dorit Ashkenazi smashed her own javelin record by 1.1 meters when she achieved a distance of 49.56. She set the previous mark of 48.46m last year.

Dalit Baran hurled the hammer 35.64 meters, beating her own mark of 35.60 which she set in 1995. In the high jump, both Itai Margalit and his rival, Konstantin Matusевич cleared 2.24 meters and failed at 2.28 meters.



Cipollini repeats Tour stage success
Italian Mario Cipollini (foreground), riding next to last year's winner Bjarne Riis of Denmark, snatched a second successive Tour de France stage victory yesterday. The undisputed king of sprints surged in the last 20 meters of the longest stage - 262 km from St Valery-de-Caux to Vire - to retain race leadership. Cipollini holds a 36-second lead over prolog winner Chris Boardman of Britain before today's 217 km third stage from Vire to Plumelec. (Reuters)

LOCAL SCENE

Maccabiah countdown nearly over as teams begin to roll in

Final preparations for the 15th Maccabiah moved into top gear this week as the chartered El Al jumbo coasted into Ben-Gurion Airport with the 500-odd US team on board.

The delegation, the largest of the visiting nations, will compete in 29 events.

Waiting among the schoolchildren with flowers to welcome the team was Michal Hase, a medical student at Tel Aviv University. Both Michal and her twin sister, Yael, will be representing the US field hockey team.

Volleyballer Greg Spector, here for his third Maccabiah, made no bones about his objective. "We're going to crush," he said, smiling widely.

Just as clear about the end goal of four years planning was Ron Carner, Vice-Chairman of the organizing team who said, "We don't bring these athletes here to run around in short pants."

Israel training camp gets under way at last

After a long and difficult journey, the national soccer team began its training camp at Seefeld, near Innsbruck, in the Austrian Alps yesterday.

The 90 minute bus ride from Munich took over four hours as torrential conditions caused road-blocks and traffic congestion on the way to the popular ski resort.

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Iron Lod boys win Med trophy

The boys of Iron Lod soccer club won the Mediterranean Cup for under-16s in Spain last week and returned to their home town rapturously welcome yesterday.

The Lod boys beat Real Madrid 1-0 in the final. The boys also won the very prestigious scalps of Barcelona, Valencia, Espana, and Rostov on their way to winning the cup.

Tiger Woods captures Western Open

LEMONT, Illinois (Reuters) - Tiger Woods, refreshed from a week away from golf, charged to his fourth win of the year Sunday, using three birdies over a four-hole stretch on the back nine for a three-shot win at the \$2 million Western Open.

Woods began the day in a three-way tie for the lead and fired a four-under-par 68 for a 72-hole total of 13-under 275 that was three strokes better than Frank Nobilo, of New Zealand, who shot a final-round 70.

The 21-year-old Woods leads the US Tour with his four wins and padded his lead on top of the money list with the \$360,000 first prize that boosted his earnings over \$1.7 million.

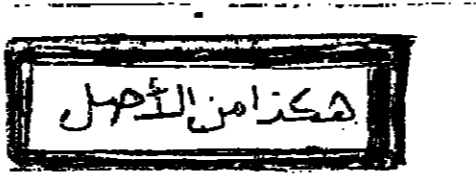
Woods, who spent a week fishing following poor finishes at the Memorial, US Open and Buick Classic, claimed his sixth win in just 21 events since turning professional last August.

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Gitta Munte (right) stars in 'Anna Galactia,' showing in Tel Aviv's Cameri Theater.

This year's Voice of Music Young Artists Competition reaches its third and final stage today as competitors from the piano and string division who have reached the final round play with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra under Michael Damiani at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem from 1 to 2:30.

THEATER

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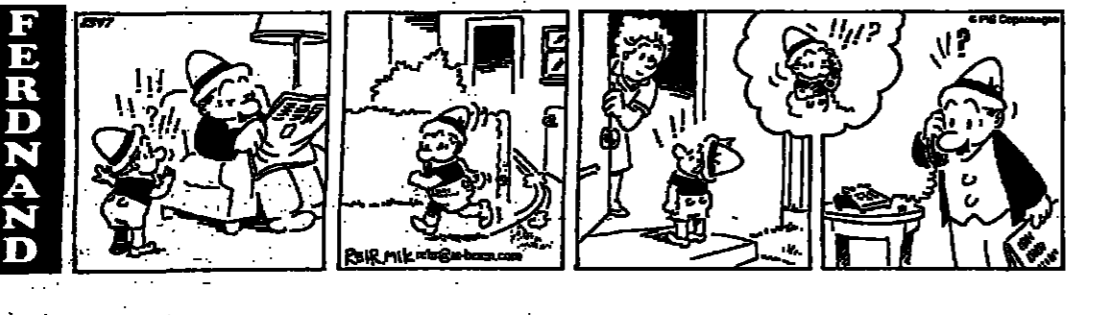
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Abuse is a mug's get-out, note that (8)
5 Supplement about cereal costs (6)
9 A man would not use this for straight wordplay (8)
10 Join party-leader in division (6)
12 One is glad maybe to get so close (9)
13 Sleep in it, though it's really not suitable (5)
14 Feel devastated and run away (4)
16 The archbishop's talk about one minute taken (7)
19 Catalogue company in some distress (3,4)
21 Quiet time for the young attendant (4)

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Expressed disapproval (6)
4 Hasten (5)
8 Stop briefly (5)
9 Endanger (7)
10 Hug (7)
11 Too (4)
12 Decay (3)
14 Dry (4)
15 Whirlpool (4)
18 Take a seat (3)
21 Dull past (4)
23 Get better (7)
26 Angry (5)
27 Consumer (5)
28 Exit (6)

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